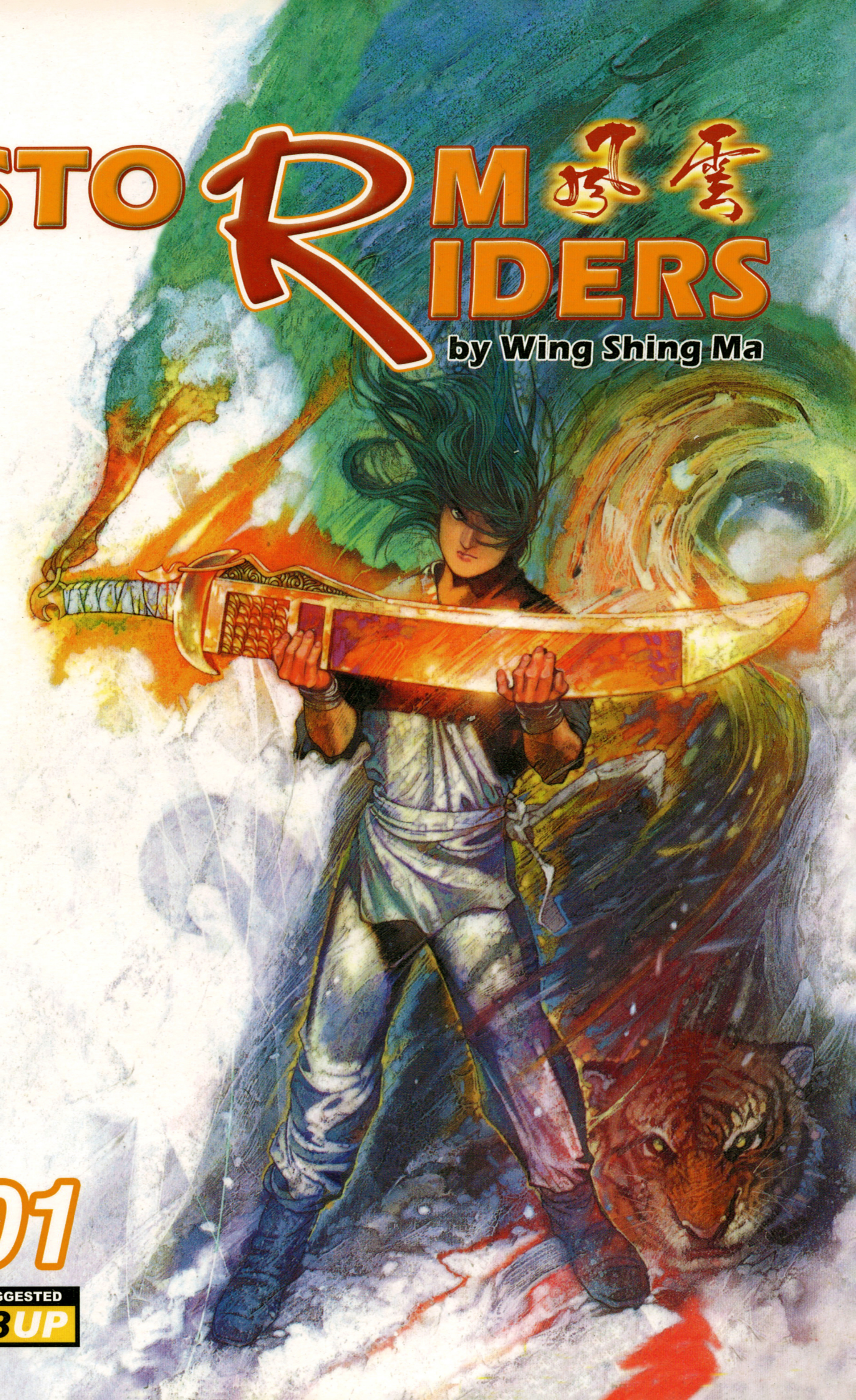
STORM RIDERS 風雲

by Wing Shing Ma



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About the Author

Jonesky Limited was established in 1989. On July 1st of that same year Jonesky Limited founder Mr. Wing Shing Ma, started to publish his popular work “Storm Riders”. “Storm Riders” is the first Hong Kong Comic to use Kung Fu and movie techniques in a comic production. “Storm Riders” strikes a chord in the hearts of its readers. Mr. Ma’s style is loved and respected in Asia.

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Relationship Chart

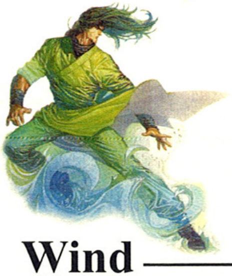
Master Nie — Competitors — Master Duan

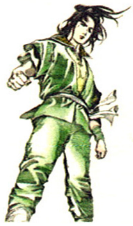
Son of Master Nie

Master Nie: Father of Wind and possessor of the Snowy Saber Sword. Fierce competitor with Master Duan and embodies the kung fu style of water.
Techniques: Ice Heart Knack, Ice Dagger
Weapon: Snowy Saber

Son of Master Duan

Master Duan: Duan-Lang's father and possessor of the Flame Kylin Sword. Fierce competitor with Master Nie and embodies the kung-fu style of fire and magma.
Technique: Duan Technique
Weapon: Flame Kylin Sword



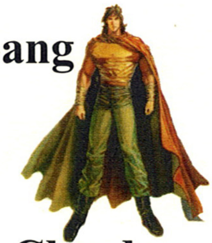


Duan-Lang: Son of Master Duan
Weapon: Inherits the Flame Kylin Sword

Wind (Nie-Fong) — Good Friends — **Duan-Lang**

Disciple of Conquer

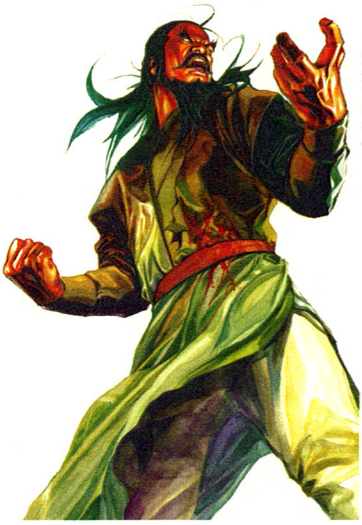
Wind: Disciple of Conquer and leader of the Wind Corps: an elite fighting unit which is part of the World Fighting Association. Son of Master Nie.
Techniques: Ice Heart Knack, Deity of Wind Kick
Weapon: Inherits the Snowy Saber



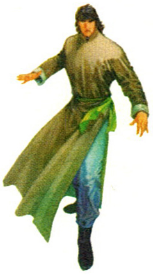
Conquer — Disciple of Conquer — **Cloud** (Bu-Jing-Yun)

Cloud: Son of Master Ho and disciple of Conquer. Leader of the Cloud Corps: an elite fighting unit which is part of the World Fighting Association.
Technique: Repelling Palm
Weapon: Ultimate Sword

(Will become) Disciple of Nameless

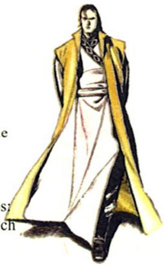


Conquer: Exceptionally powerful martial artist with plans of controlling the World Fighting Association. He takes on Wind and Cloud as his disciples in order to fulfill his destiny.
Technique: Chi of Triplication



Nameless

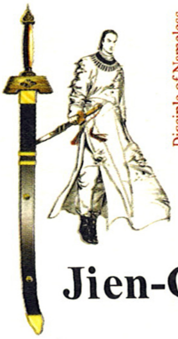
Nameless: Jien-Chen's Master and is the first person to befriend and help Cloud as a child.
Technique: Nameless Sword Skill
Weapon: Hero Sword



Frost: Long-time disciple of Conquer. Married to Conquer's adopted daughter Kong-Chi. Leader of the Frost Corps: an elite fighting unit which is a part of the World Fighting Association.
Technique: Sky Frost Fist

Conquer — Disciple of Conquer — **Frost**

Disciple of Nameless



Jien-Chen: Disciple of Nameless
Technique: Nameless Sword Skill
Weapon: Inherits the Hero Sword

Jien-Chen

Preface of Storm Riders
(American Version)

I founded Jonesky Limited Ltd. in July 1989 with the publishing of "Comicsworld Comic Collection." Shortly afterwards, I produced a Chinese martial arts comic entitled "Storm Riders" that included Nie-Fong (Wind) and Bu-Jing-Yun (Cloud) in the leading roles.

More than 12 years have elapsed since "Storm Riders" was first published. During the last 10 years "Storm Riders" has been the most popular comic in Asia and is considered a masterpiece by many of its readers. The Chinese version of "Storm Riders" has been distributed in Southeast Asia and US/Canada.

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I didn't expect "Storm Riders" to spread to the USA when I first produced this comic. In other words, I treated "Storm Riders" purely as a Chinese martial arts comic, with regard to the story's structure and dialogue. There is no way to know how English language readers will perceive the translated version. I earnestly hope that the American version of "Storm Riders" can serve as a bridge to facilitate cultural communication. I hope you enjoy it!

If you have any comments or suggestions, we'd really like to hear from you.

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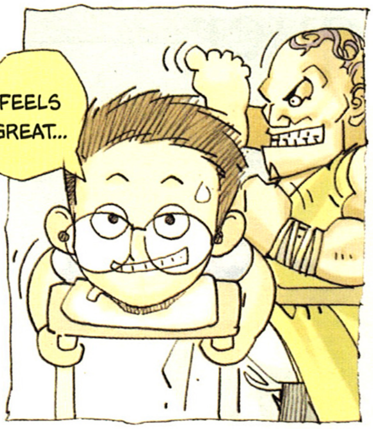
FEELS GREAT...

Dear Storm Riders Fans:

The ComicsOne version of “Storm Riders” includes an improved first chapter that Mr. Ma created in 2001. The section contains additional narration and sound effects and was produced with a computer. The remaining chapters in the book are from the original 1989 edition, which was drawn by hand not computer. Due to the differences in production you may see a variation in the artwork. Because we want to provide you with the most up-to-date version we have decided to include the revised chapter. We have done our best to create the highest quality reproduction.

Enjoy!

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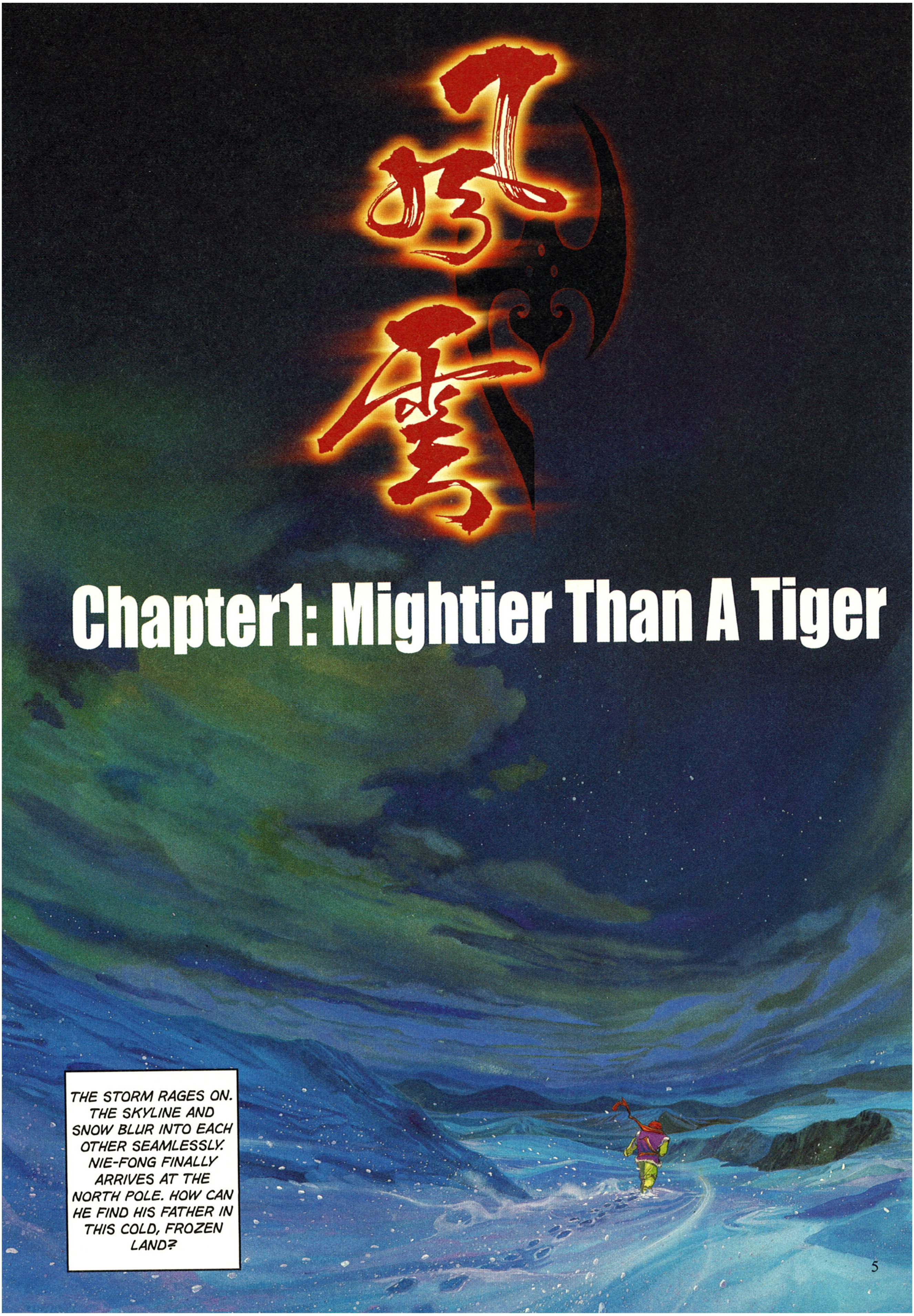
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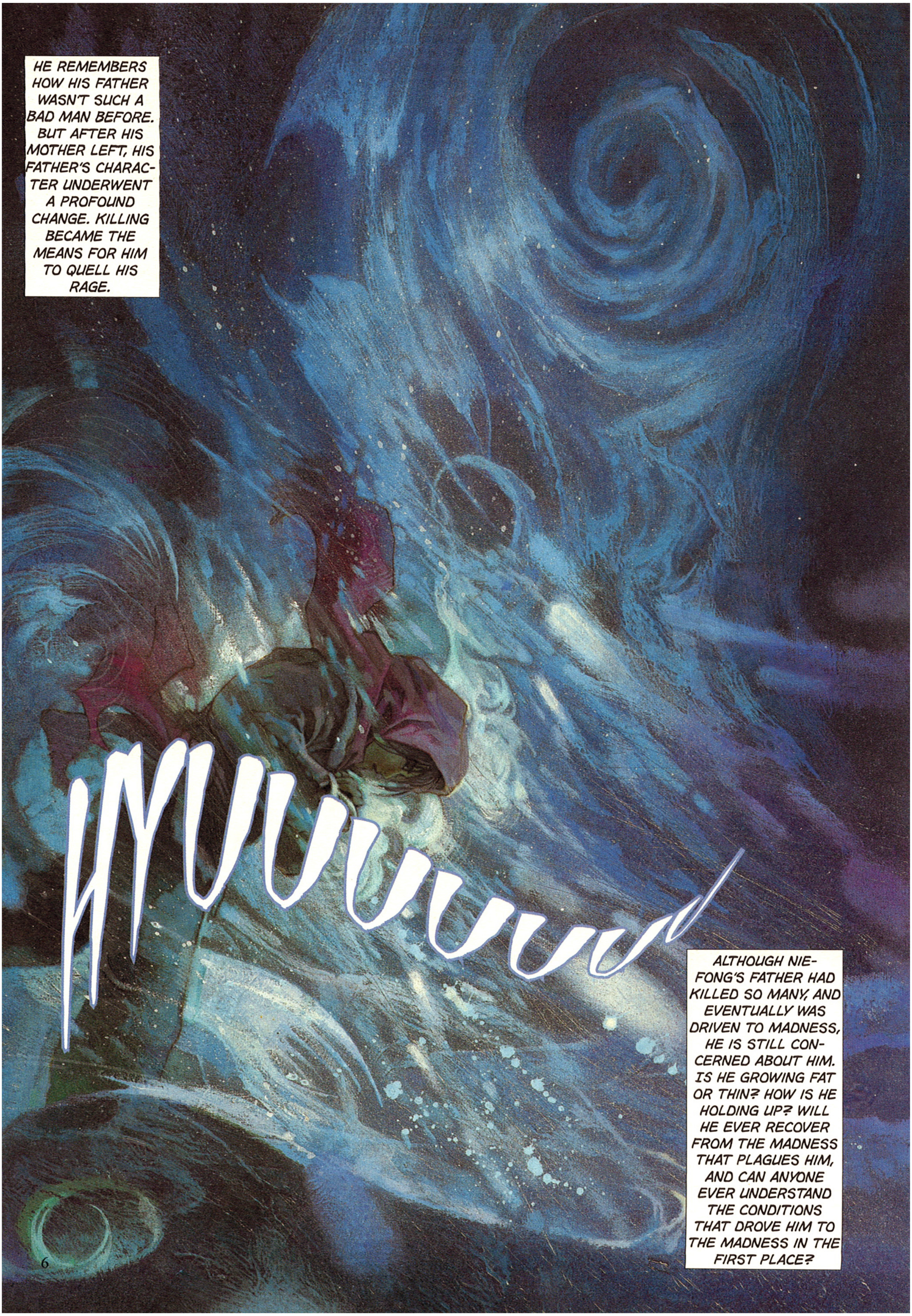
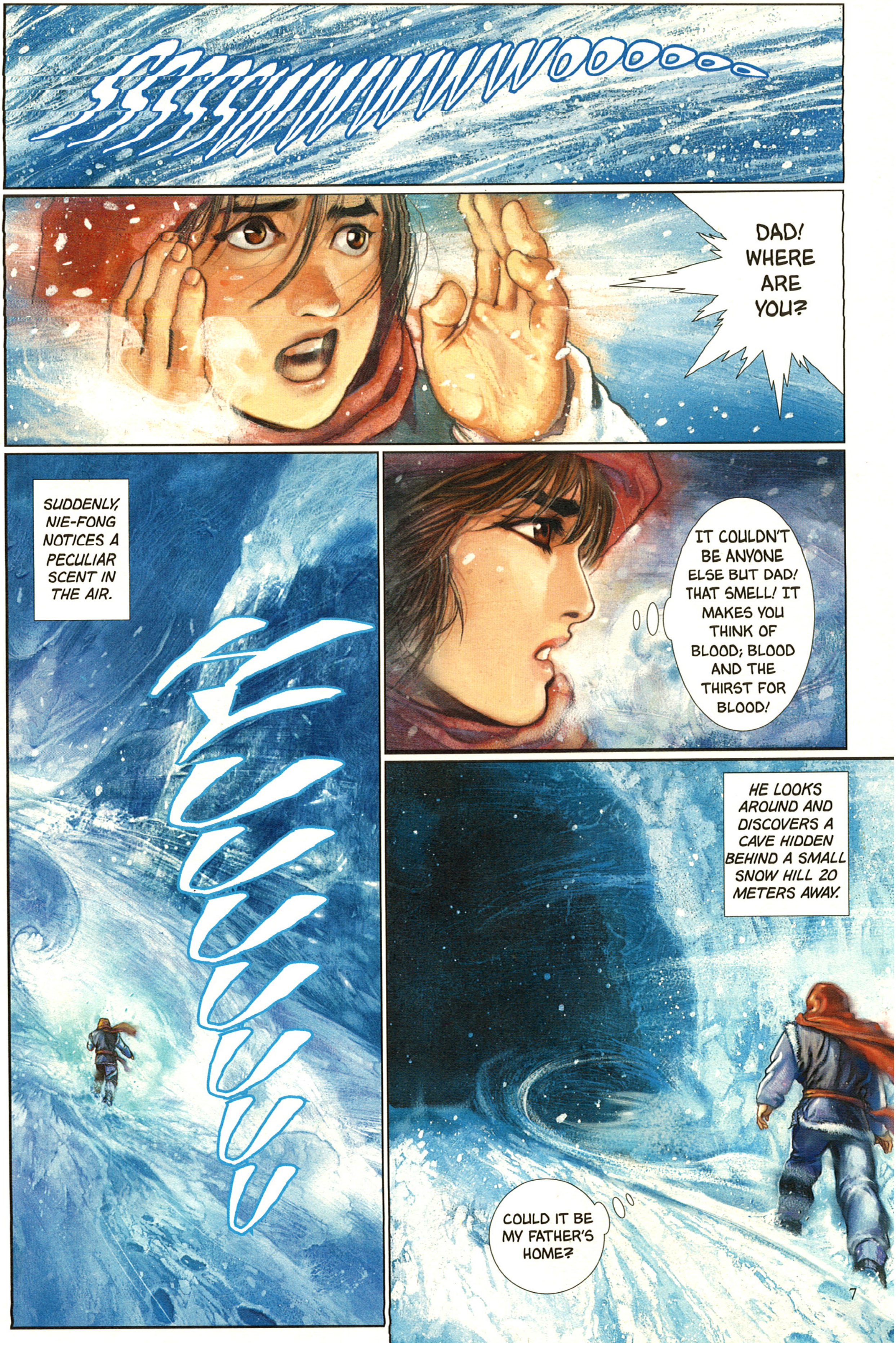
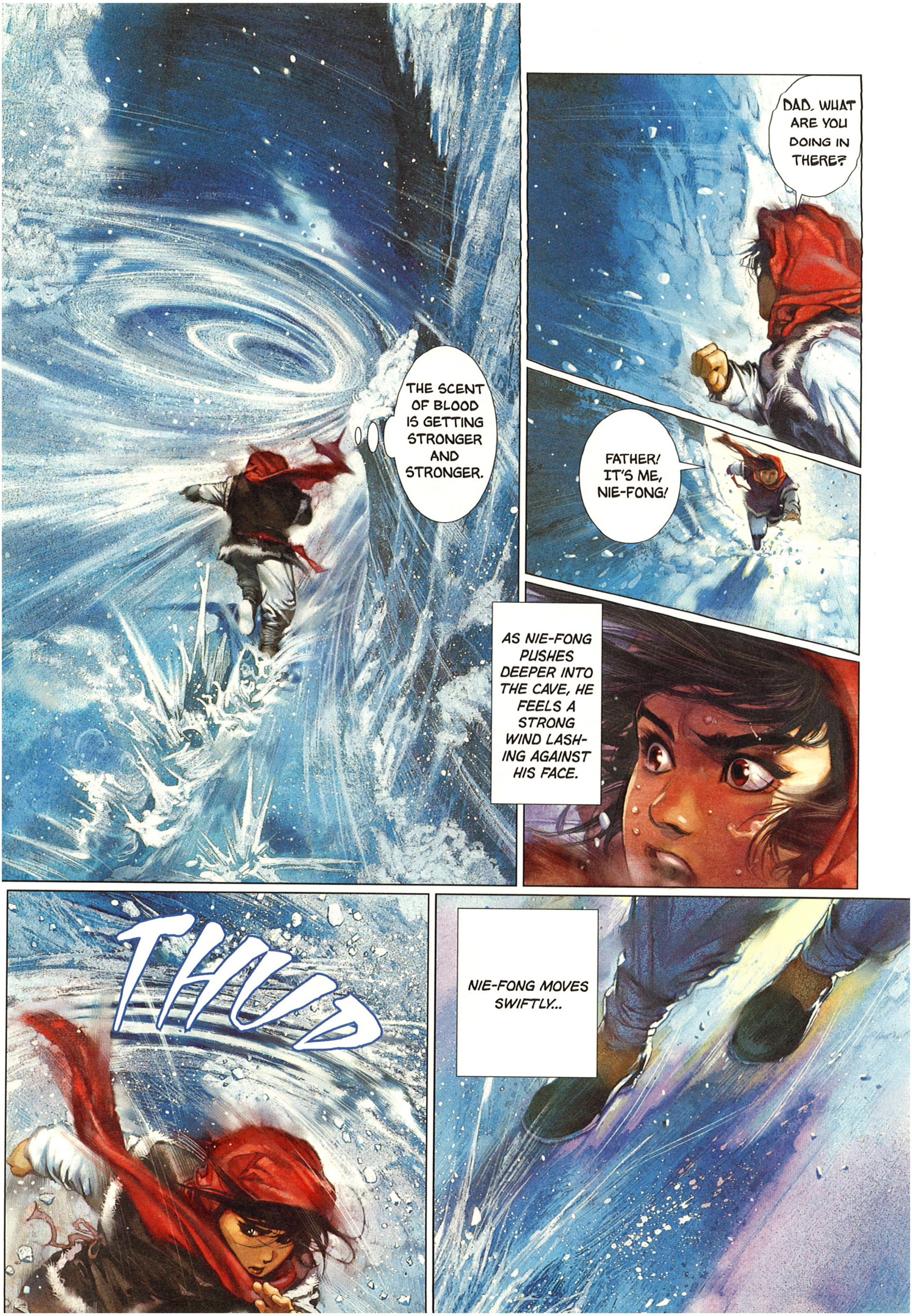
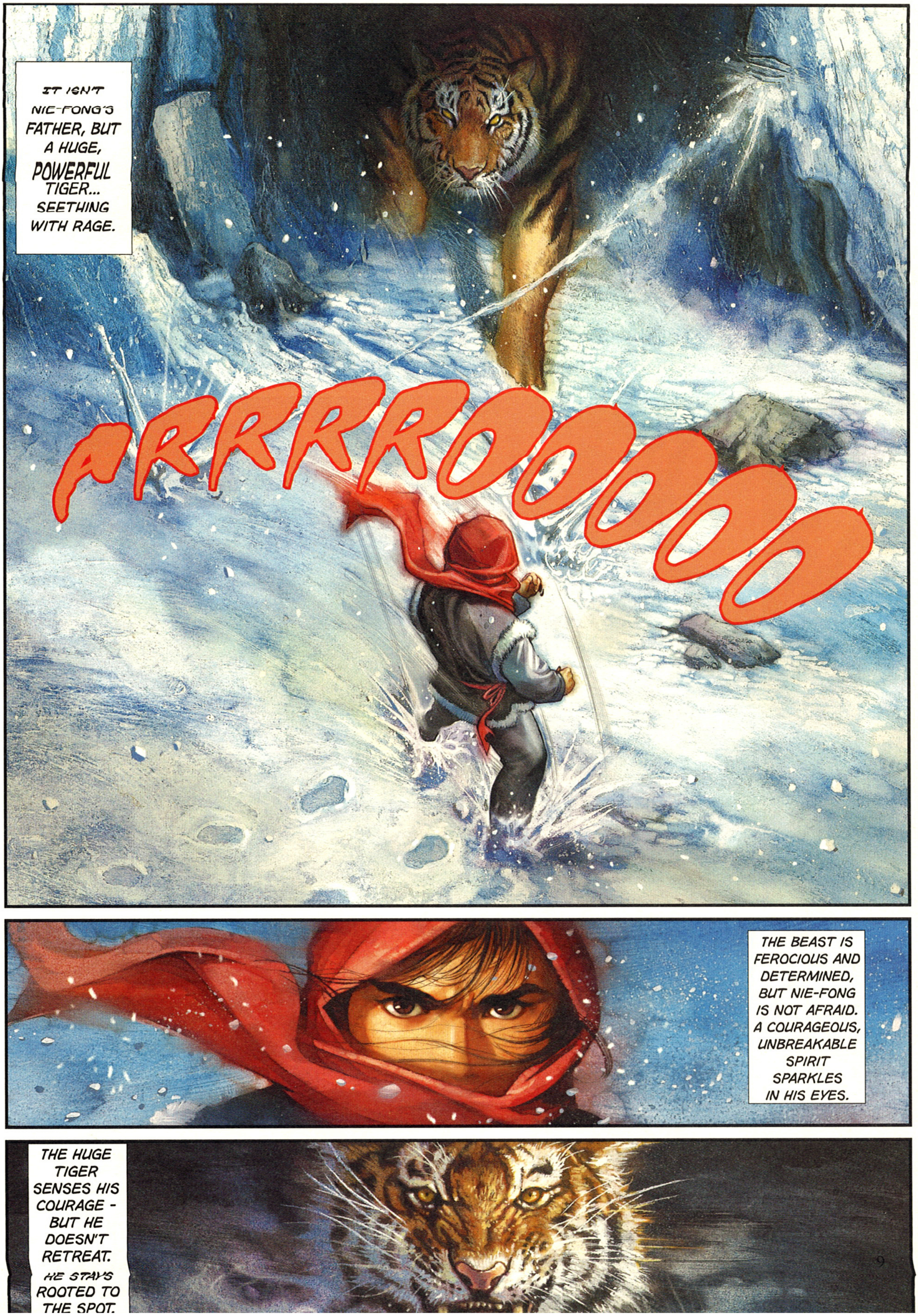
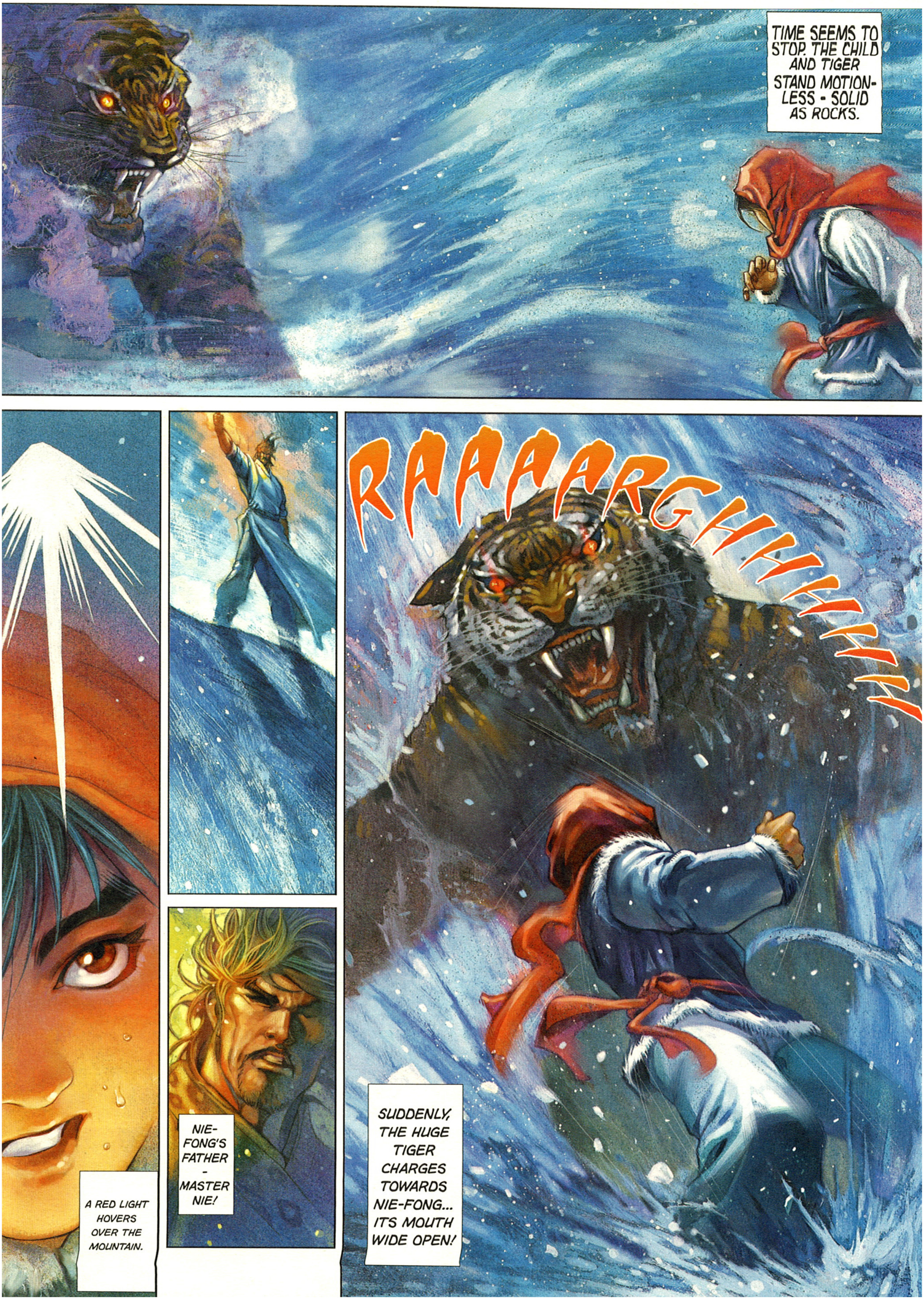
THE STORM RAGES ON. THE SKYLINE AND SNOW BLUR INTO EACH OTHER SEAMLESSLY. NIE-FONG FINALLY ARRIVES AT THE NORTH POLE. HOW CAN HE FIND HIS FATHER IN THIS COLD, FROZEN LAND?

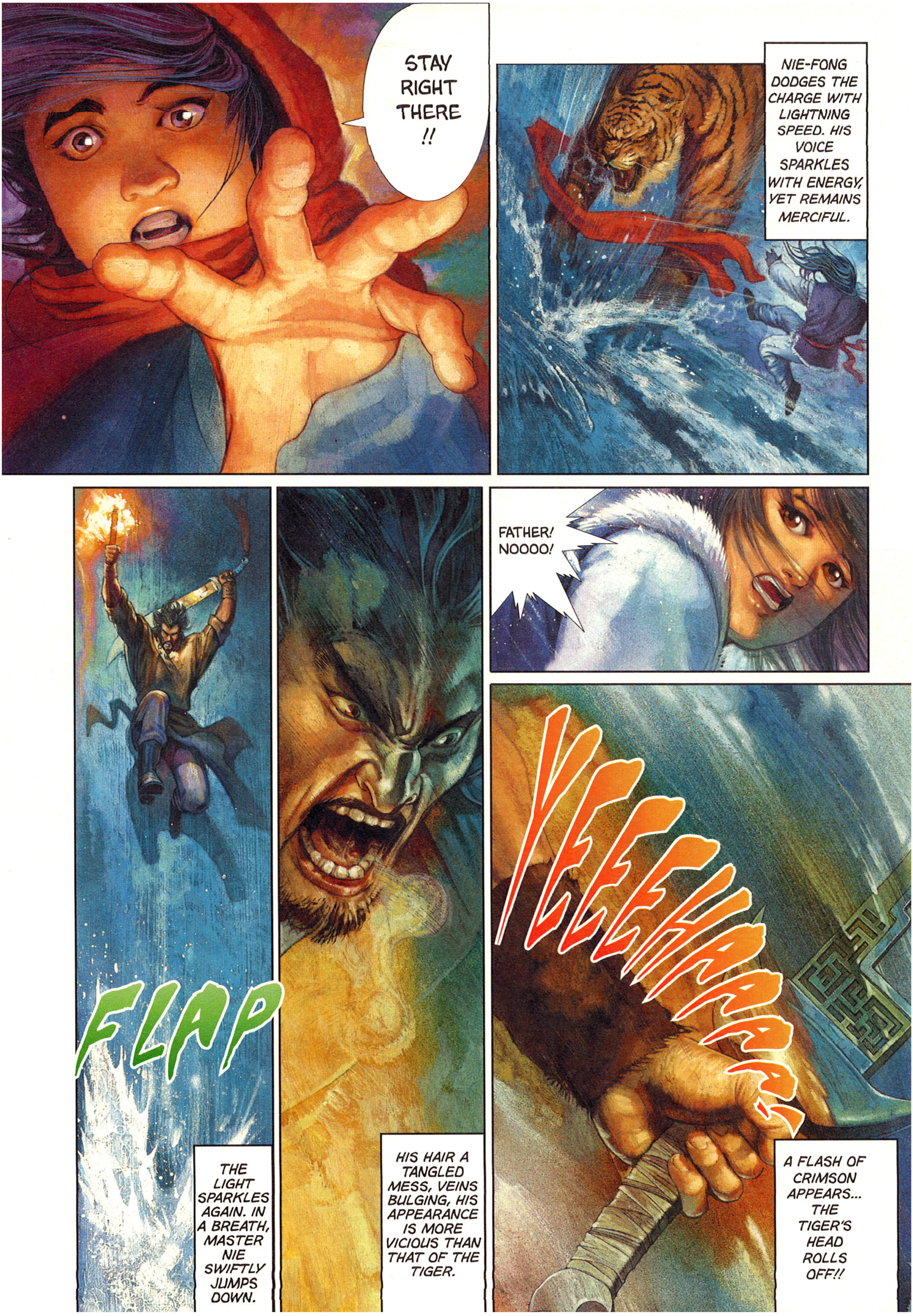

HE REMEMBERS HOW HIS FATHER WASN'T SUCH A BAD MAN BEFORE. BUT AFTER HIS MOTHER LEFT, HIS FATHER'S CHARACTER UNDERWENT A PROFOUND CHANGE. KILLING BECAME THE MEANS FOR HIM TO QUELL HIS RAGE.
HYUUUUUUUU
ALTHOUGH NIE-FONG'S FATHER HAD KILLED SO MANY, AND EVENTUALLY WAS DRIVEN TO MADNESS, HE IS STILL CONCERNED ABOUT HIM. IS HE GROWING FAT OR THIN? HOW IS HE HOLDING UP? WILL HE EVER RECOVER FROM THE MADNESS THAT PLAGUES HIM, AND CAN ANYONE EVER UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS THAT DROVE HIM TO THE MADNESS IN THE FIRST PLACE?

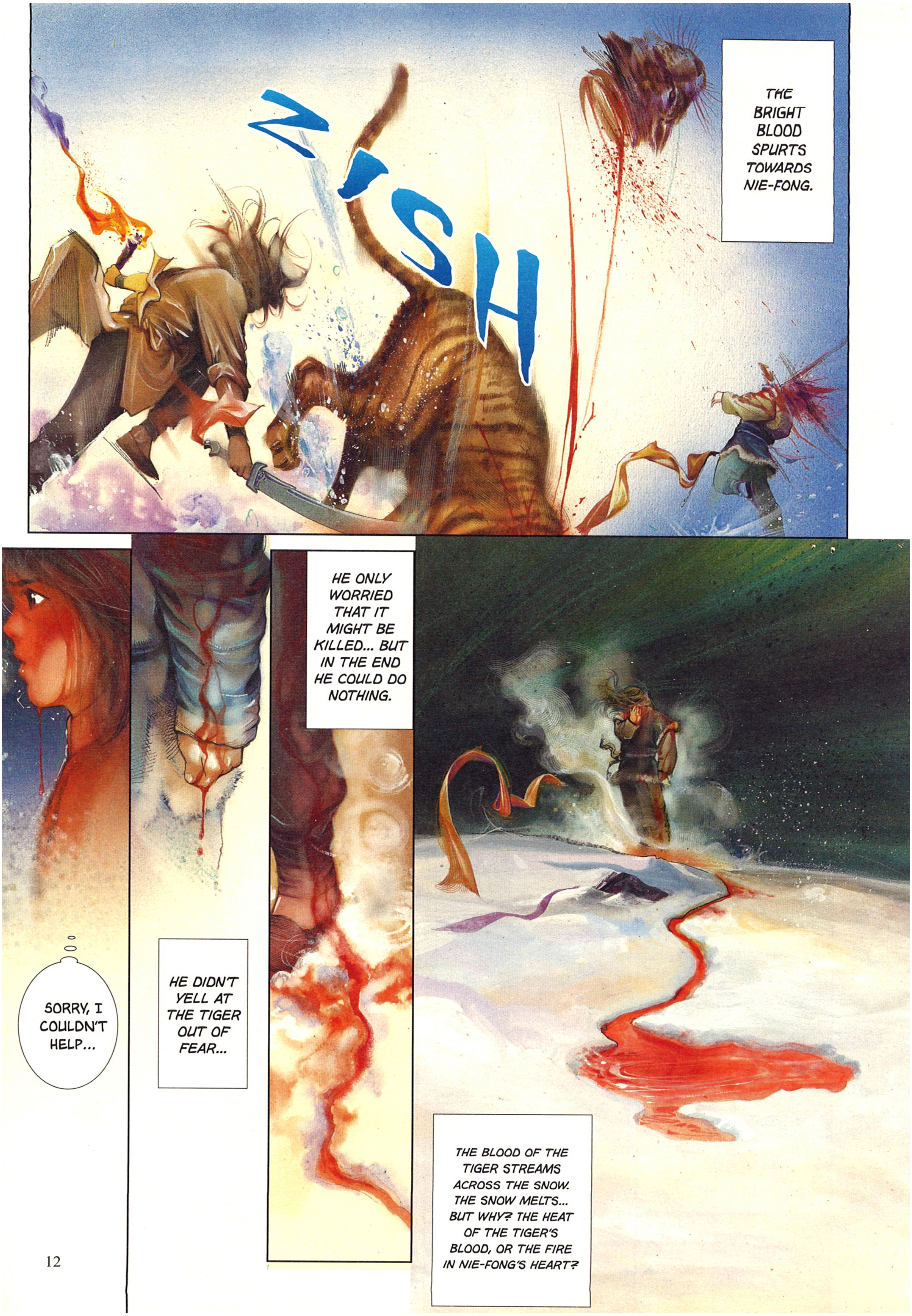

SSSSSWWWWWWOOOOOO
DAD! WHERE ARE YOU?
SUDDENLY, NIE-FONG NOTICES A PECULIAR SCENT IN THE AIR.
HUUUUUUUU
IT COULDN'T BE ANYONE ELSE BUT DAD! THAT SMELL! IT MAKES YOU THINK OF BLOOD; BLOOD AND THE THIRST FOR BLOOD!
HE LOOKS AROUND AND DISCOVERS A CAVE HIDDEN BEHIND A SMALL SNOW HILL 20 METERS AWAY.
COULD IT BE MY FATHER'S HOME?

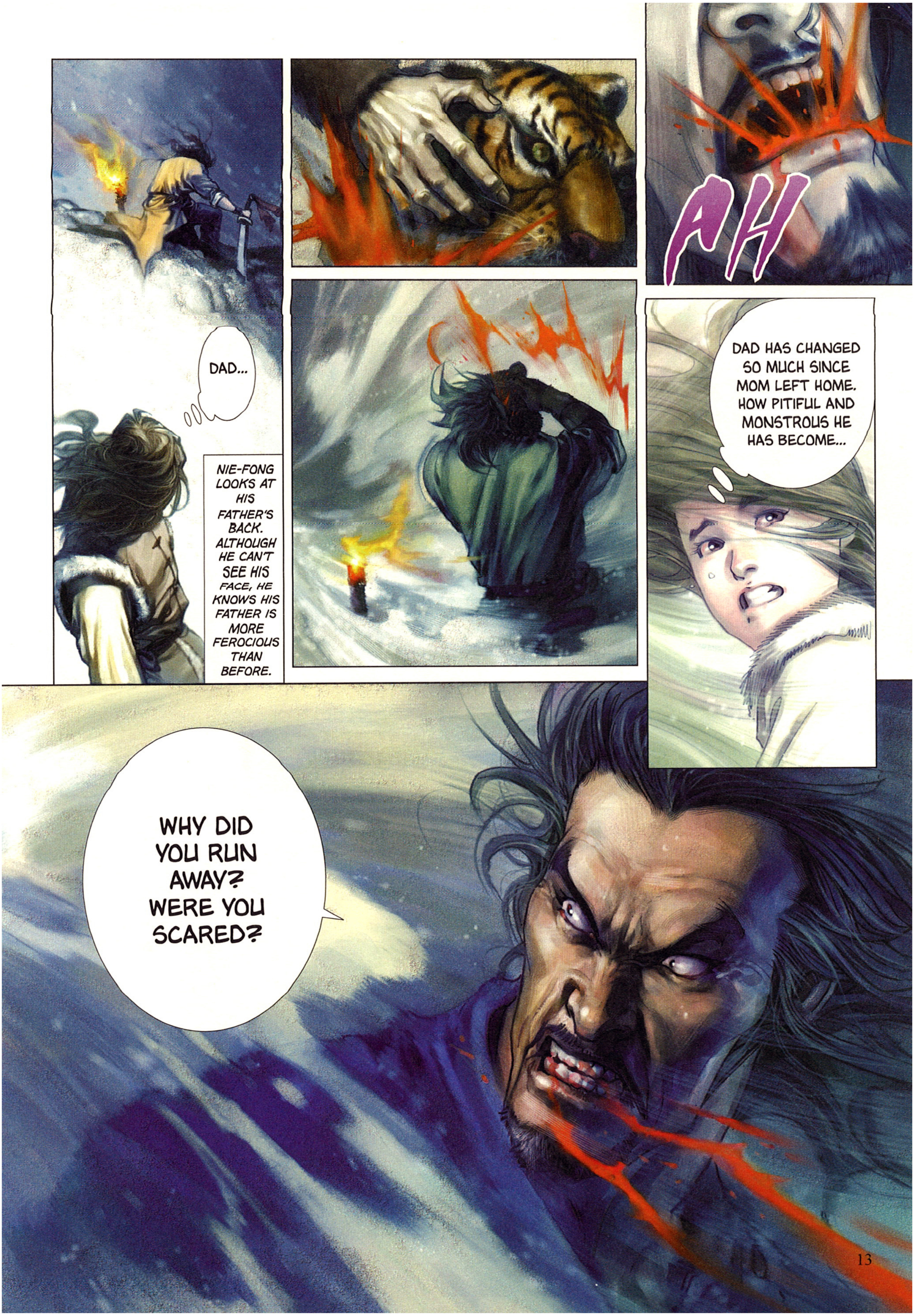

THE SCENT OF BLOOD IS GETTING STRONGER AND STRONGER.
DAD, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THERE?
FATHER! IT'S ME, NIE-FONG!
AS NIE-FONG PUSHES DEEPER INTO THE CAVE, HE FEELS A STRONG WIND LASHING AGAINST HIS FACE.
THUD
NIE-FONG MOVES SWIFTLY...

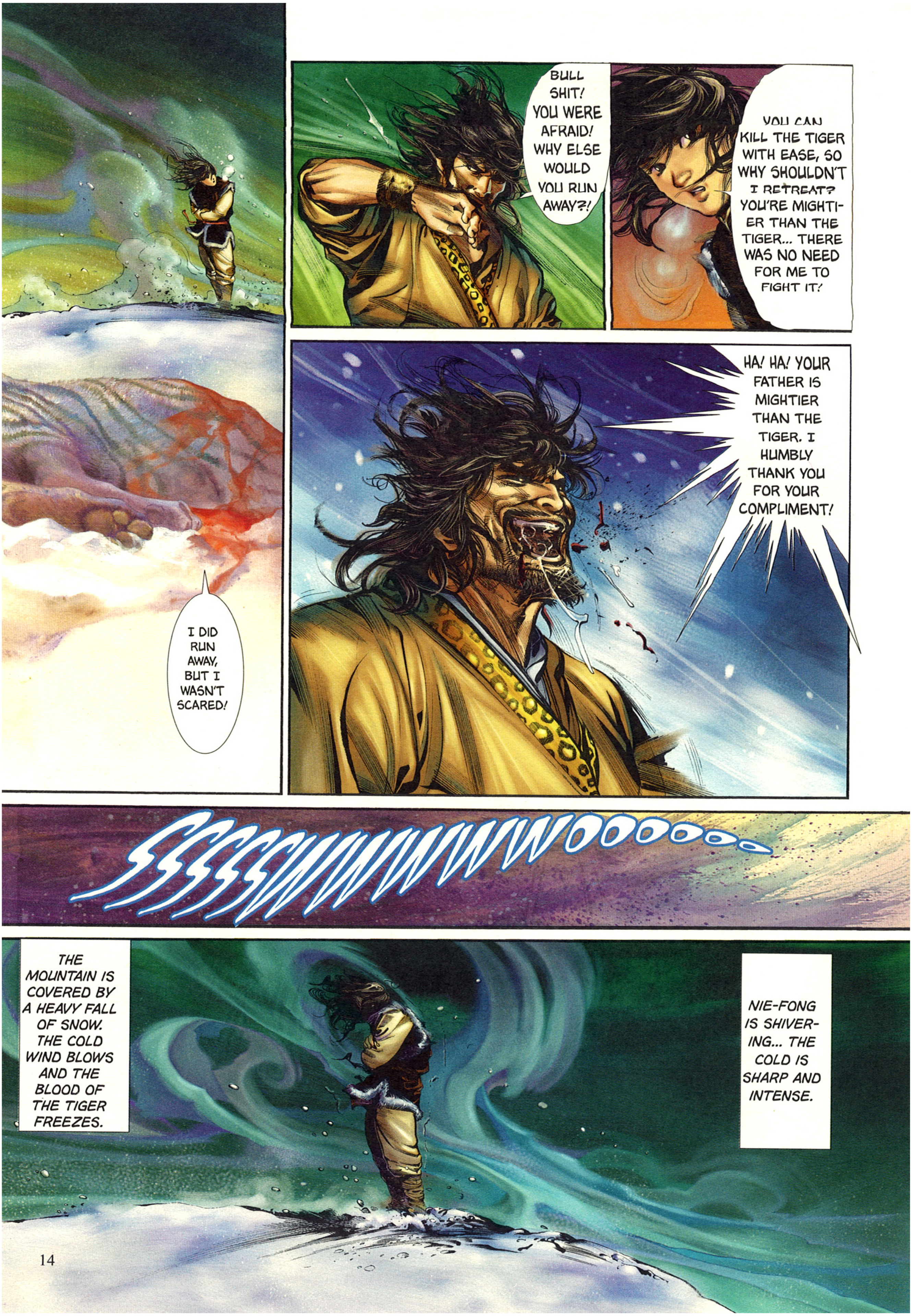

IT ISN'T NIE-FONG'S FATHER, BUT A HUGE, POWERFUL TIGER... SEETHING WITH RAGE.
ARRRROOOOOO
THE BEAST IS FEROCIOUS AND DETERMINED, BUT NIE-FONG IS NOT AFRAID. A COURAGEOUS, UNBREAKABLE SPIRIT SPARKLES IN HIS EYES.
THE HUGE TIGER SENSES HIS COURAGE - BUT HE DOESN'T RETREAT. HE STAYS ROOTED TO THE SPOT.

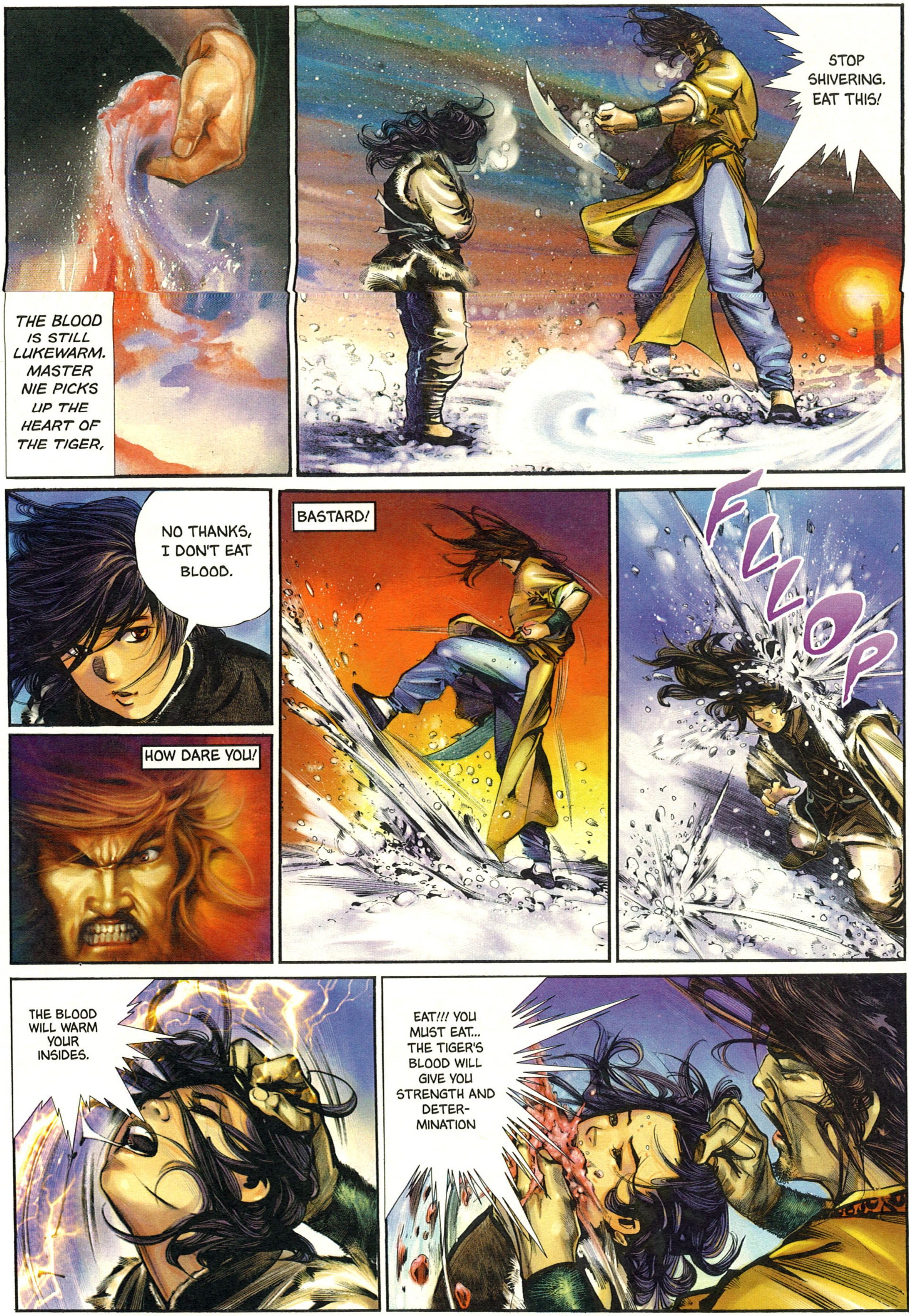

TIME SEEMS TO STOP. THE CHILD AND TIGER STAND MOTIONLESS - SOLID AS ROCKS.
A RED LIGHT HOVERS OVER THE MOUNTAIN.
NIE-FONG'S FATHER - MASTER NIE!
RAAAARGHHHHHH!
SUDDENLY, THE HUGE TIGER CHARGES TOWARDS NIE-FONG... ITS MOUTH WIDE OPEN!

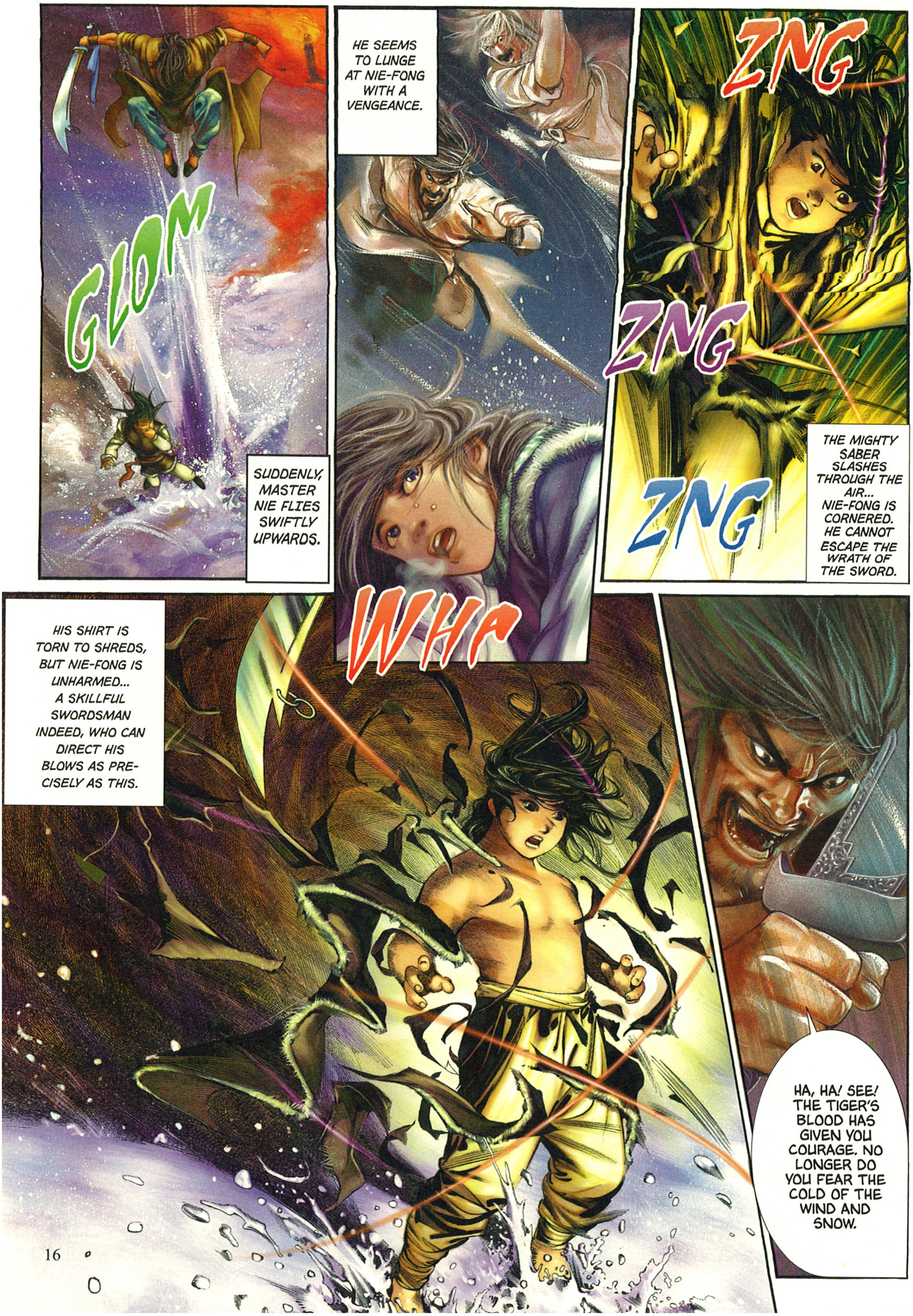

STAY RIGHT THERE !!
NIE-FONG DODGES THE CHARGE WITH LIGHTNING SPEED. HIS VOICE SPARKLES WITH ENERGY, YET REMAINS MERCIFUL.
FATHER! NOOOO!
FLAP
THE LIGHT SPARKLES AGAIN. IN A BREATH, MASTER NIE SWIFTLY JUMPS DOWN.
HIS HAIR A TANGLED MESS, VEINS BULGING, HIS APPEARANCE IS MORE VICIOUS THAN THAT OF THE TIGER.
YEEEHAAAA!
A FLASH OF CRIMSON APPEARS... THE TIGER'S HEAD ROLLS OFF!!

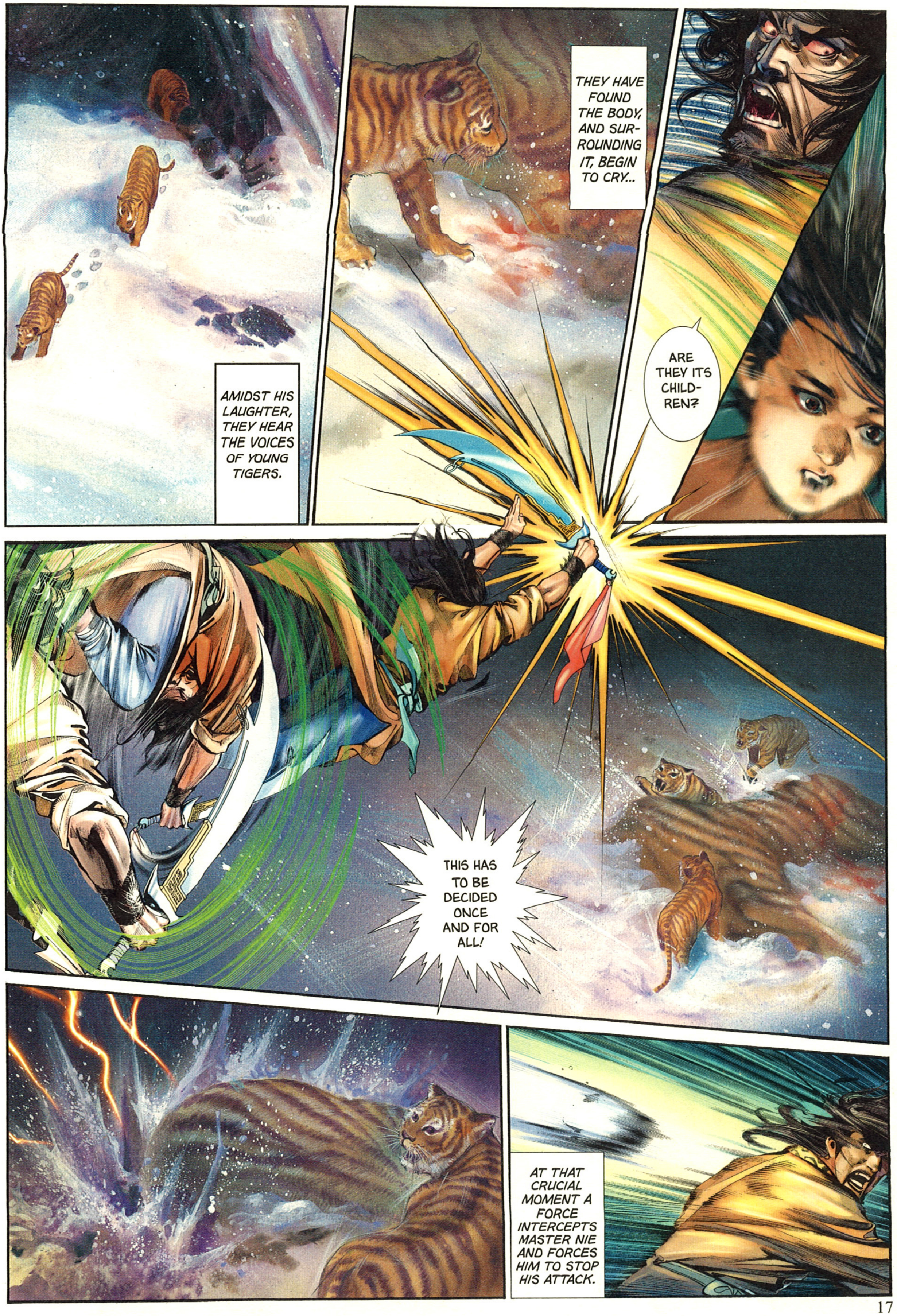

ZISH
THE BRIGHT BLOOD SPURTS TOWARDS NIE-FONG.
SORRY, I COULDN'T HELP...
HE DIDN'T YELL AT THE TIGER OUT OF FEAR...
HE ONLY WORRIED THAT IT MIGHT BE KILLED... BUT IN THE END HE COULD DO NOTHING.
THE BLOOD OF THE TIGER STREAMS ACROSS THE SNOW. THE SNOW MELTS... BUT WHY? THE HEAT OF THE TIGER'S BLOOD, OR THE FIRE IN NIE-FONG'S HEART?

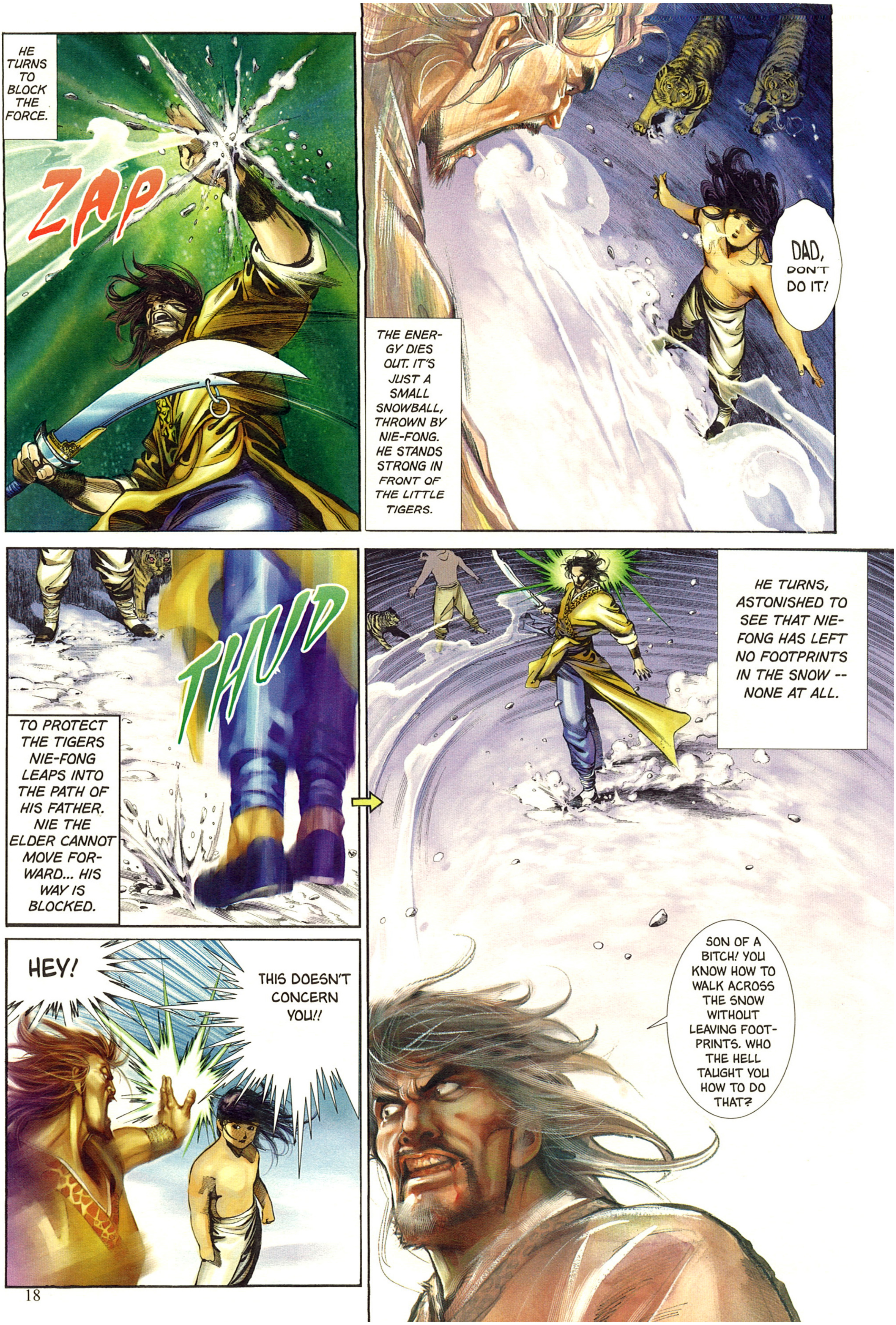

AH
DAD...
NIE-FONG LOOKS AT HIS FATHER'S BACK. ALTHOUGH HE CAN'T SEE HIS FACE, HE KNOWS HIS FATHER IS MORE FEROCIOUS THAN BEFORE.
DAD HAS CHANGED SO MUCH SINCE MOM LEFT HOME. HOW PITIFUL AND MONSTROUS HE HAS BECOME...
WHY DID YOU RUN AWAY? WERE YOU SCARED?

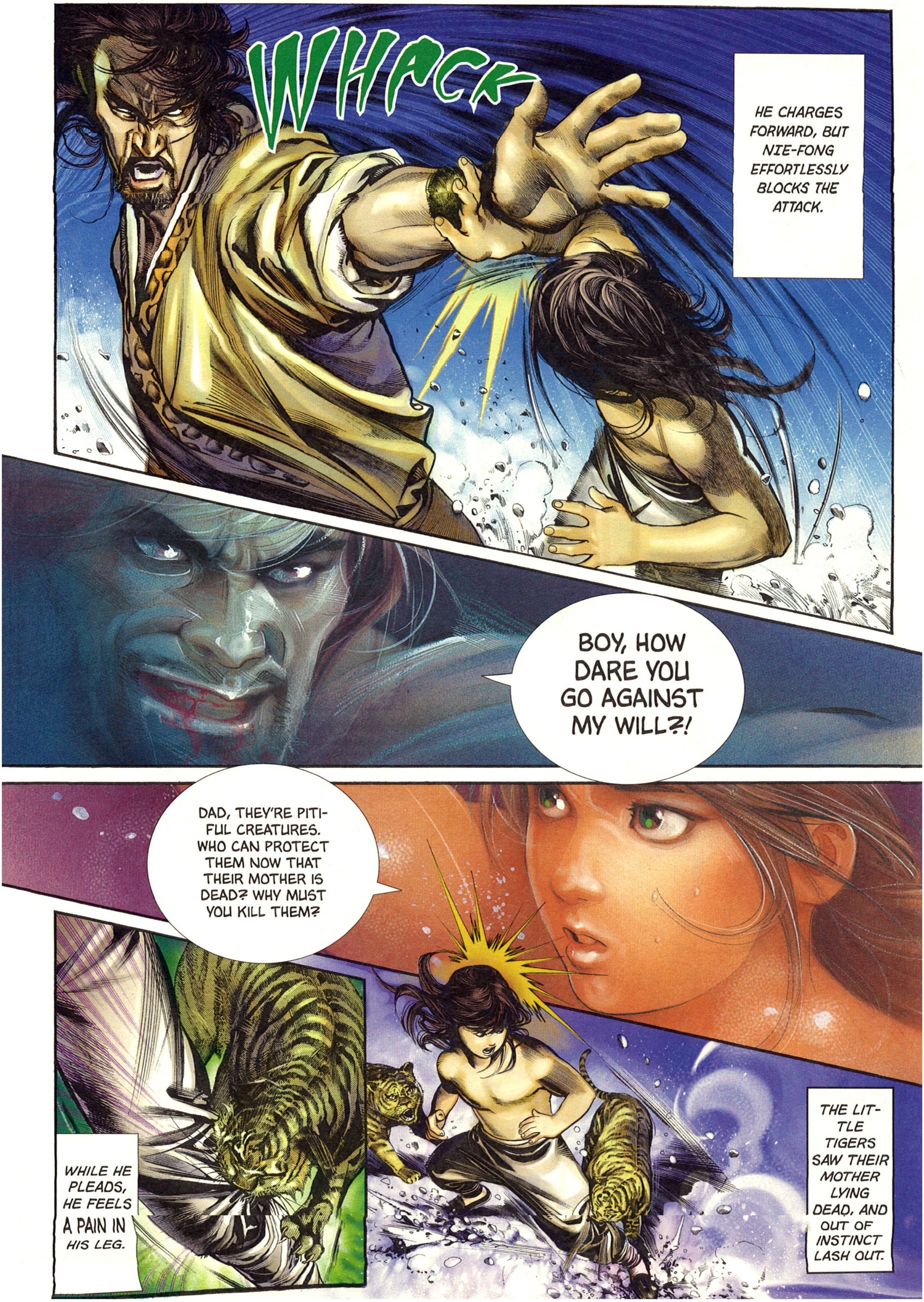

BULL SHIT! YOU WERE AFRAID! WHY ELSE WOULD YOU RUN AWAY?!
I DID RUN AWAY, BUT I WASN'T SCARED!
YOU CAN KILL THE TIGER WITH EASE, SO WHY SHOULDN'T I RETREAT? YOU'RE MIGHTIER THAN THE TIGER... THERE WAS NO NEED FOR ME TO FIGHT IT!
HA! HA! YOUR FATHER IS MIGHTIER THAN THE TIGER. I HUMBLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPLIMENT!
SSSSSWWWWWWOOOOOOO
THE MOUNTAIN IS COVERED BY A HEAVY FALL OF SNOW. THE COLD WIND BLOWS AND THE BLOOD OF THE TIGER FREEZES.
NIE-FONG IS SHIVERING... THE COLD IS SHARP AND INTENSE.

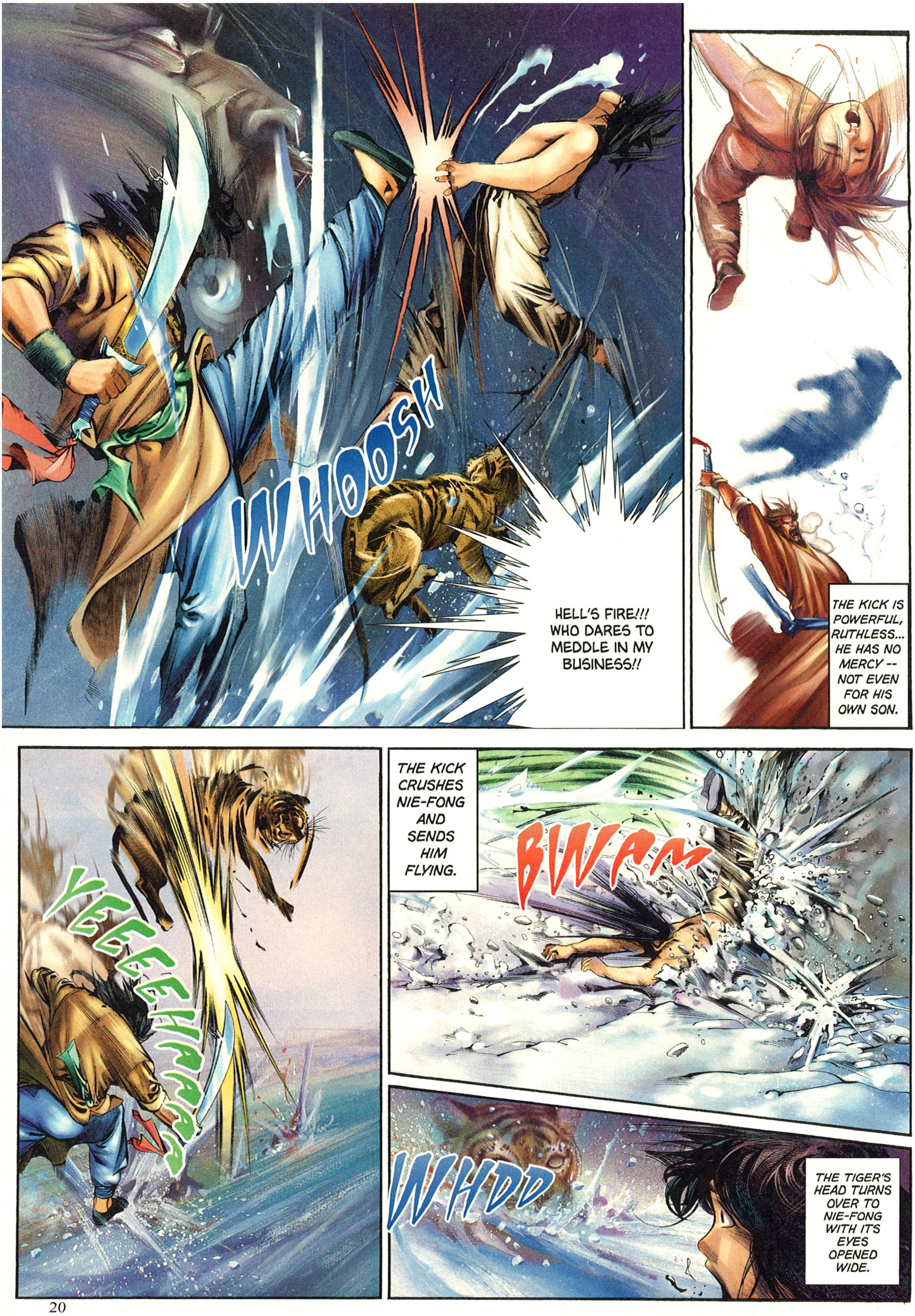

THE BLOOD IS STILL LUKEWARM. MASTER NIE PICKS UP THE HEART OF THE TIGER,
STOP SHIVERING. EAT THIS!
NO THANKS, I DON'T EAT BLOOD.
HOW DARE YOU!
BASTARD!
FLLOP
THE BLOOD WILL WARM YOUR INSIDES.
EAT!!! YOU MUST EAT... THE TIGER'S BLOOD WILL GIVE YOU STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION

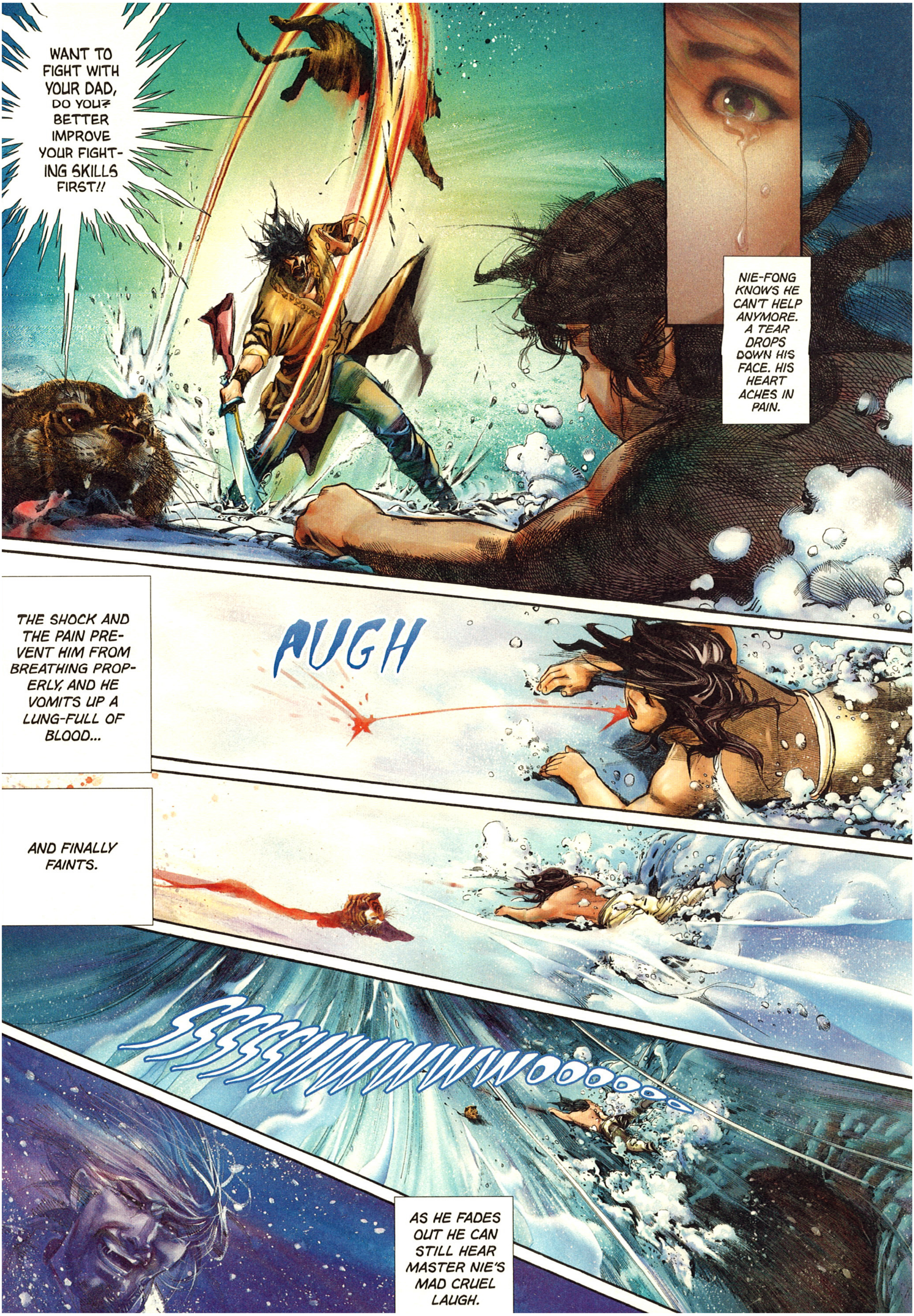

GLOM
SUDDENLY, MASTER NIE FLIES SWIFTLY UPWARDS.
HE SEEMS TO LUNGE AT NIE-FONG WITH A VENGEANCE.
WHA
ZNG
ZNG
ZNG
THE MIGHTY SABER SLASHES THROUGH THE AIR... NIE-FONG IS CORNERED. HE CANNOT ESCAPE THE WRATH OF THE SWORD.
HIS SHIRT IS TORN TO SHREDS, BUT NIE-FONG IS UNHARMED... A SKILLFUL SWORDSMAN INDEED, WHO CAN DIRECT HIS BLOWS AS PRECISELY AS THIS.
HA, HA! SEE! THE TIGER'S BLOOD HAS GIVEN YOU COURAGE. NO LONGER DO YOU FEAR THE COLD OF THE WIND AND SNOW.

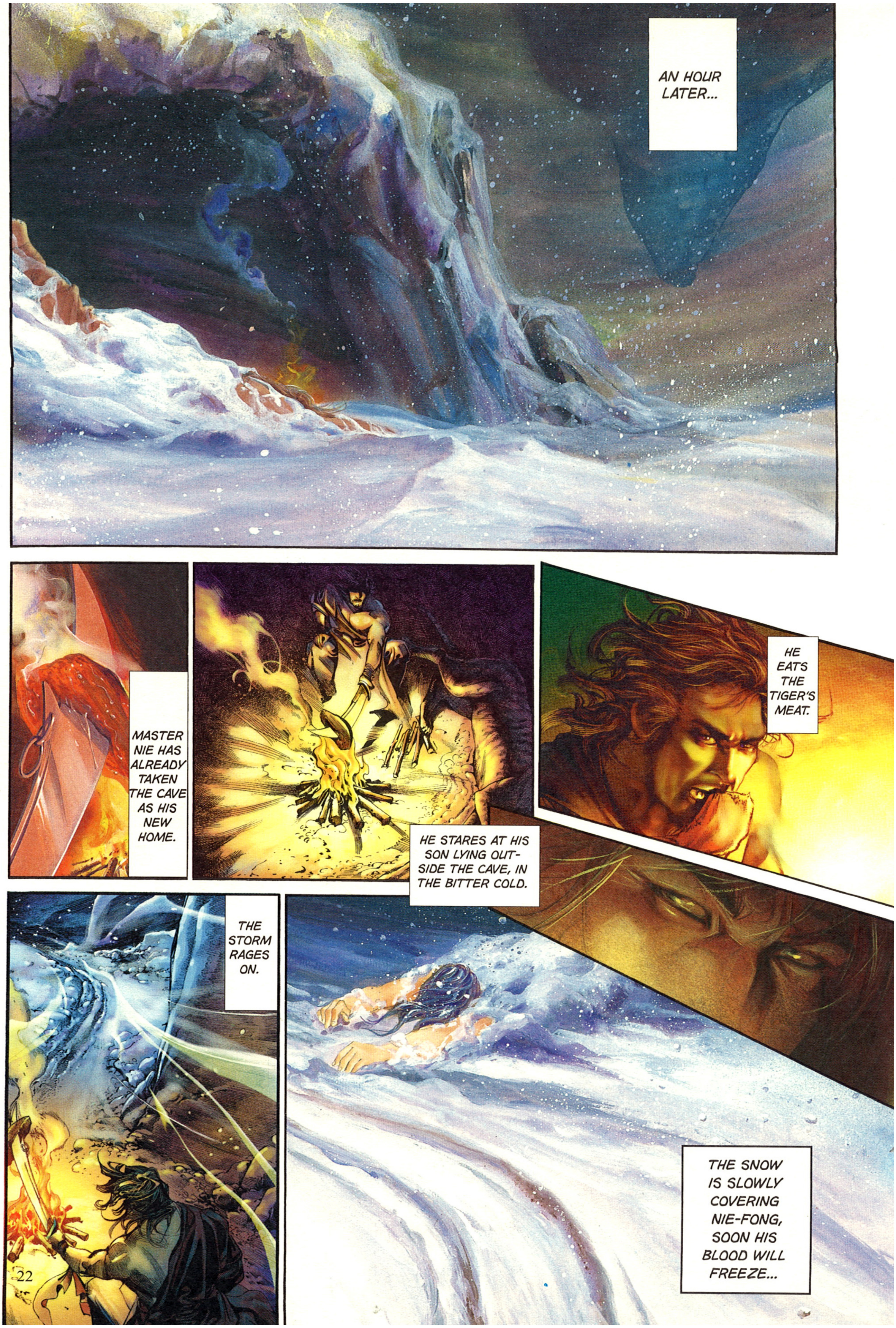

AMIDST HIS LAUGHTER, THEY HEAR THE VOICES OF YOUNG TIGERS.
THEY HAVE FOUND THE BODY, AND SURROUNDING IT, BEGIN TO CRY...
ARE THEY ITS CHILDREN?
THIS HAS TO BE DECIDED ONCE AND FOR ALL!
AT THAT CRUCIAL MOMENT A FORCE INTERCEPTS MASTER NIE AND FORCES HIM TO STOP HIS ATTACK.

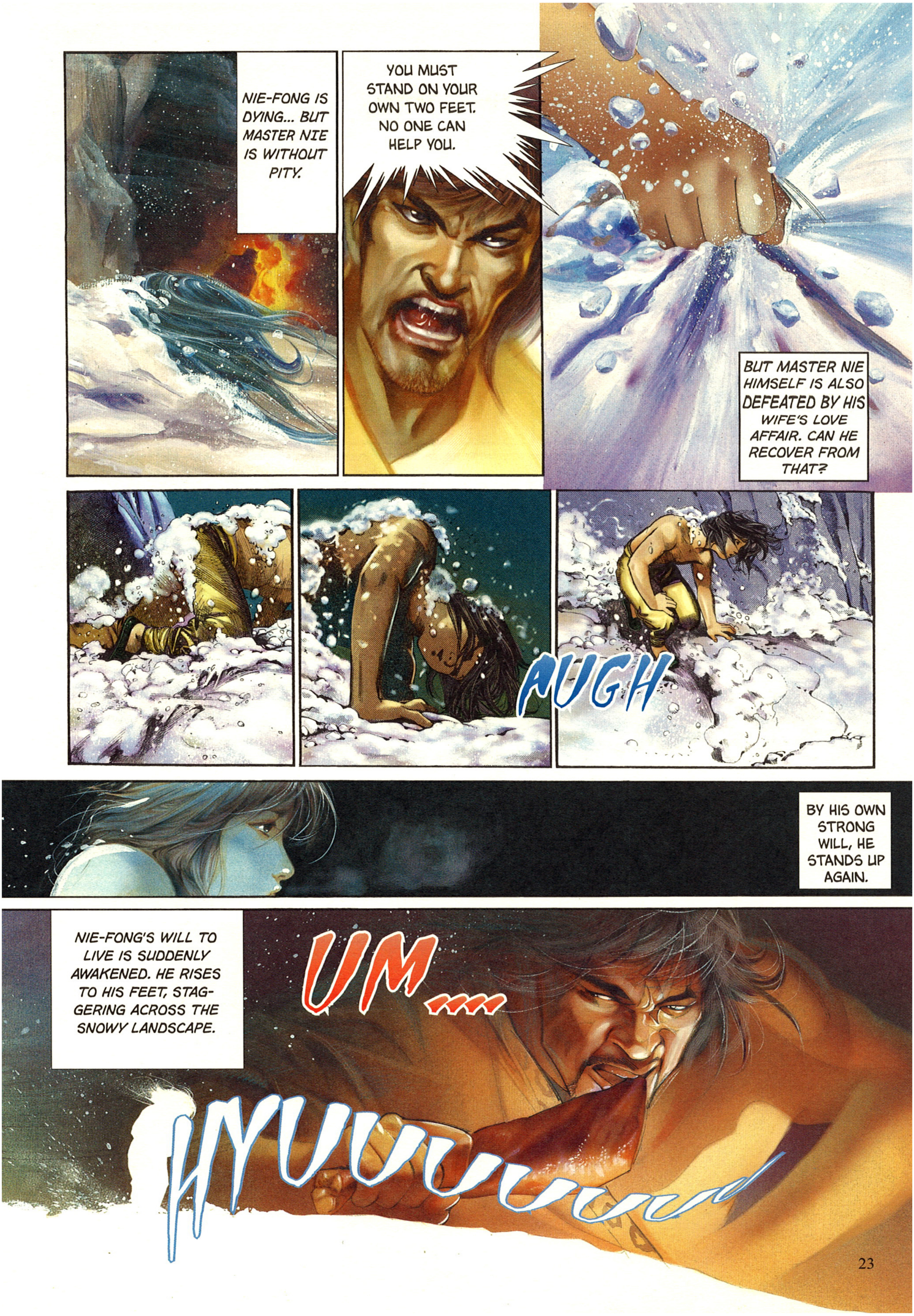

HE TURNS TO BLOCK THE FORCE.
ZAP
DAD, DON'T DO IT!
THE ENERGY DIES OUT. IT'S JUST A SMALL SNOWBALL, THROWN BY NIE-FONG. HE STANDS STRONG IN FRONT OF THE LITTLE TIGERS.
THUD
TO PROTECT THE TIGERS NIE-FONG LEAPS INTO THE PATH OF HIS FATHER. NIE THE ELDER CANNOT MOVE FORWARD... HIS WAY IS BLOCKED.
HE TURNS, ASTONISHED TO SEE THAT NIE-FONG HAS LEFT NO FOOTPRINTS IN THE SNOW -- NONE AT ALL.
HEY!
THIS DOESN'T CONCERN YOU!!
SON OF A BITCH! YOU KNOW HOW TO WALK ACROSS THE SNOW WITHOUT LEAVING FOOTPRINTS. WHO THE HELL TAUGHT YOU HOW TO DO THAT?

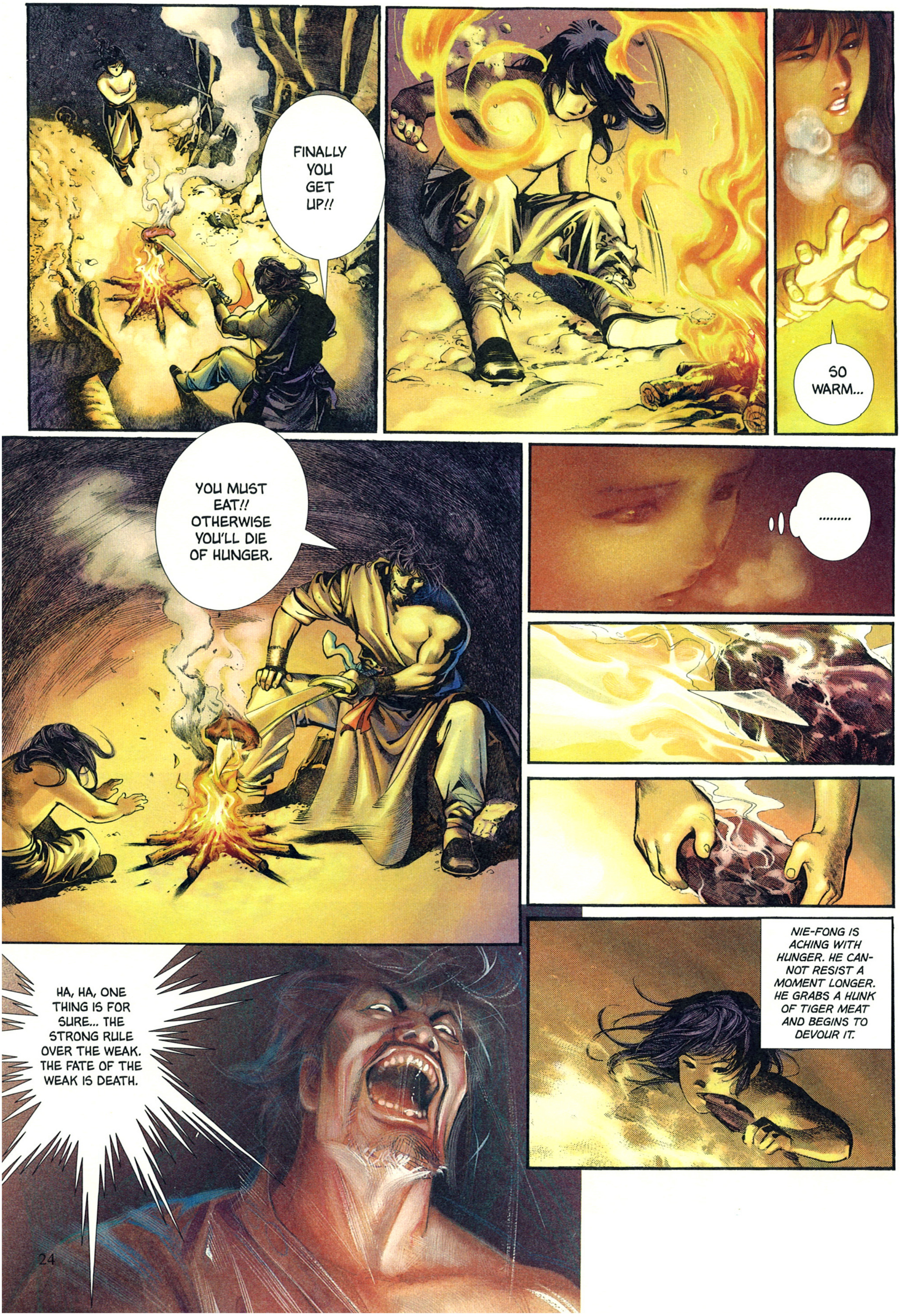

WHACK
HE CHARGES FORWARD, BUT NIE-FONG EFFORTLESSLY BLOCKS THE ATTACK.
BOY, HOW DARE YOU GO AGAINST MY WILL?!
DAD, THEY'RE PITIFUL CREATURES. WHO CAN PROTECT THEM NOW THAT THEIR MOTHER IS DEAD? WHY MUST YOU KILL THEM?
WHILE HE PLEADS, HE FEELS A PAIN IN HIS LEG.
THE LITTLE TIGERS SAW THEIR MOTHER LYING DEAD, AND OUT OF INSTINCT LASH OUT.

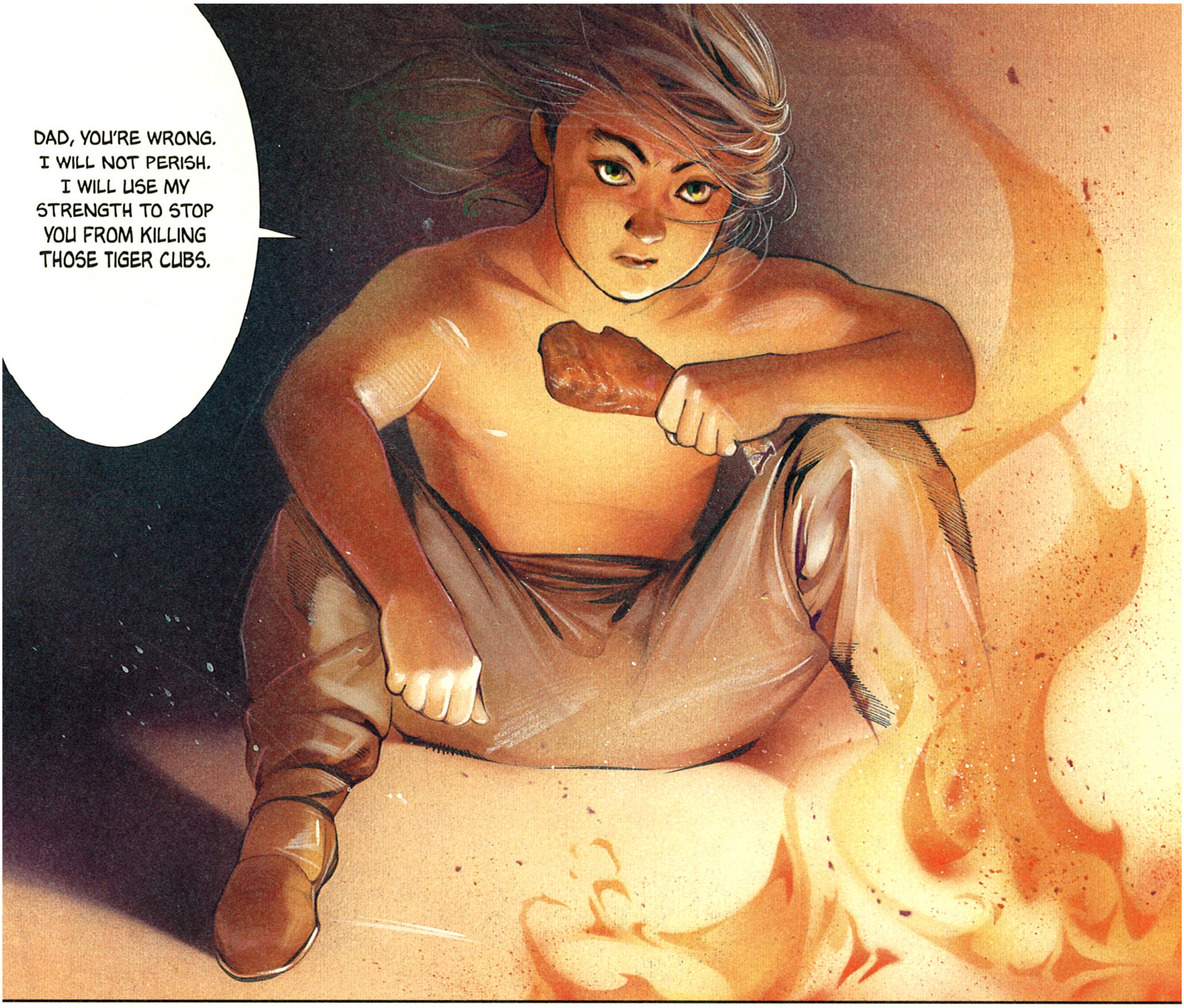

WHOOSH
HELL'S FIRE!!! WHO DARES TO MEDDLE IN MY BUSINESS!!
THE KICK IS POWERFUL, RUTHLESS... HE HAS NO MERCY -- NOT EVEN FOR HIS OWN SON.
YEEEEHAAAA
THE KICK CRUSHES NIE-FONG AND SENDS HIM FLYING.
BWAM
WHDD
THE TIGER'S HEAD TURNS OVER TO NIE-FONG WITH ITS EYES OPENED WIDE.

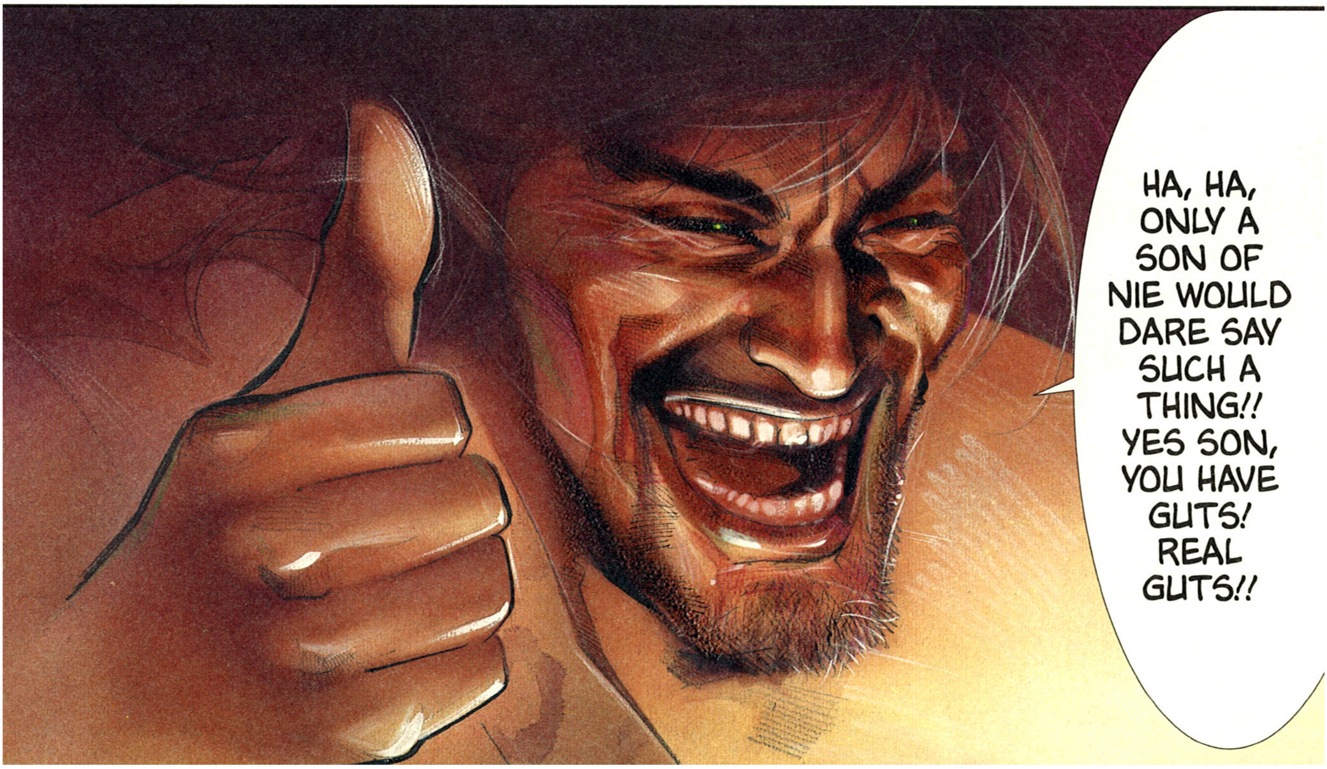

WANT TO FIGHT WITH YOUR DAD, DO YOU? BETTER IMPROVE YOUR FIGHTING SKILLS FIRST!!
NIE-FONG KNOWS HE CAN'T HELP ANYMORE. A TEAR DROPS DOWN HIS FACE. HIS HEART ACHES IN PAIN.
THE SHOCK AND THE PAIN PREVENT HIM FROM BREATHING PROPERLY, AND HE VOMITS UP A LUNG-FULL OF BLOOD...
AUGH
AND FINALLY FAINTS.
SSSSCHWWWWWWOOOOOOO
AS HE FADES OUT HE CAN STILL HEAR MASTER NIE'S MAD CRUEL LAUGH.

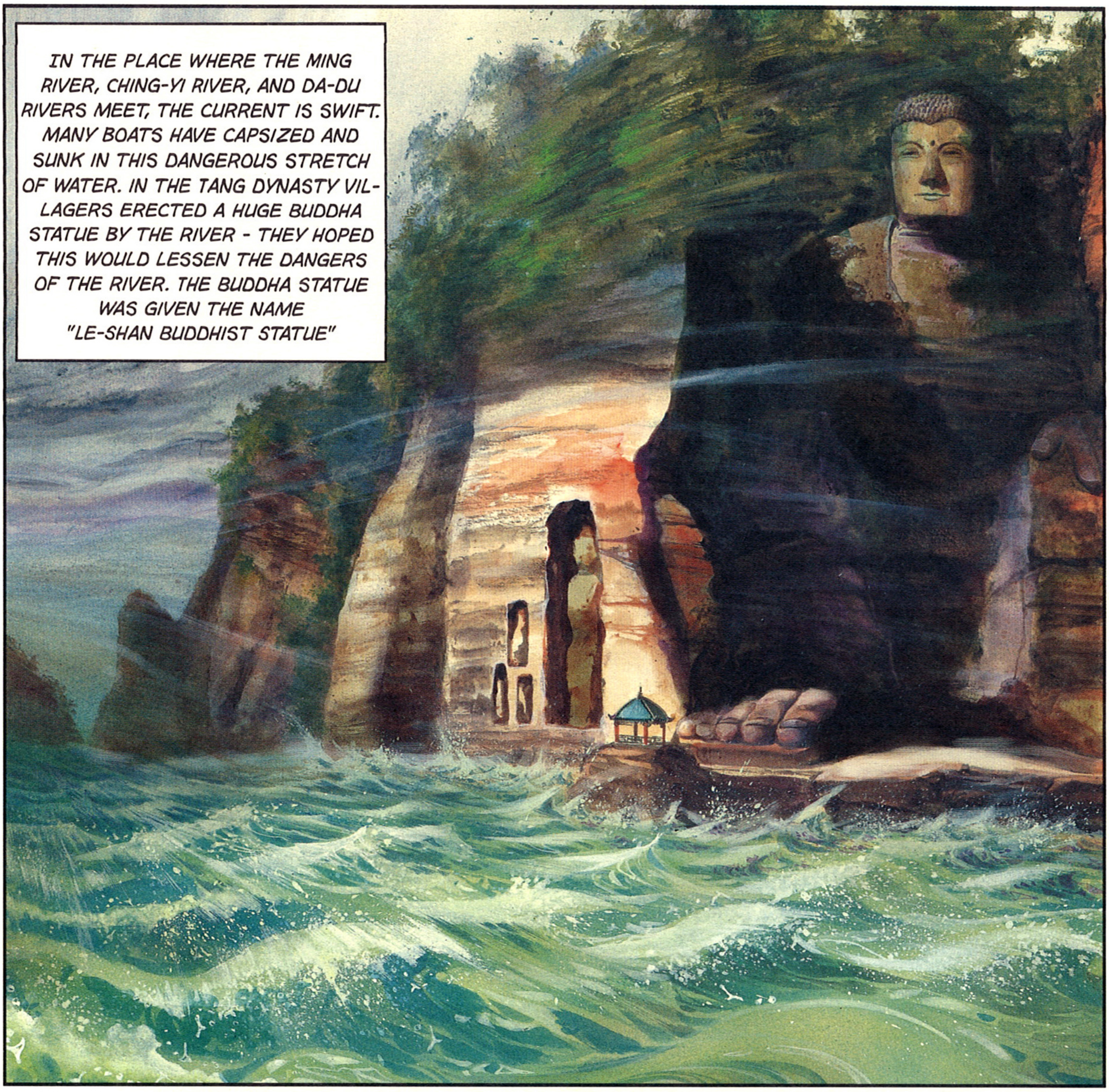

AN HOUR LATER...
MASTER NIE HAS ALREADY TAKEN THE CAVE AS HIS NEW HOME.
HE EATS THE TIGER'S MEAT.
HE STARES AT HIS SON LYING OUTSIDE THE CAVE, IN THE BITTER COLD.
THE STORM RAGES ON.
THE SNOW IS SLOWLY COVERING NIE-FONG, SOON HIS BLOOD WILL FREEZE...

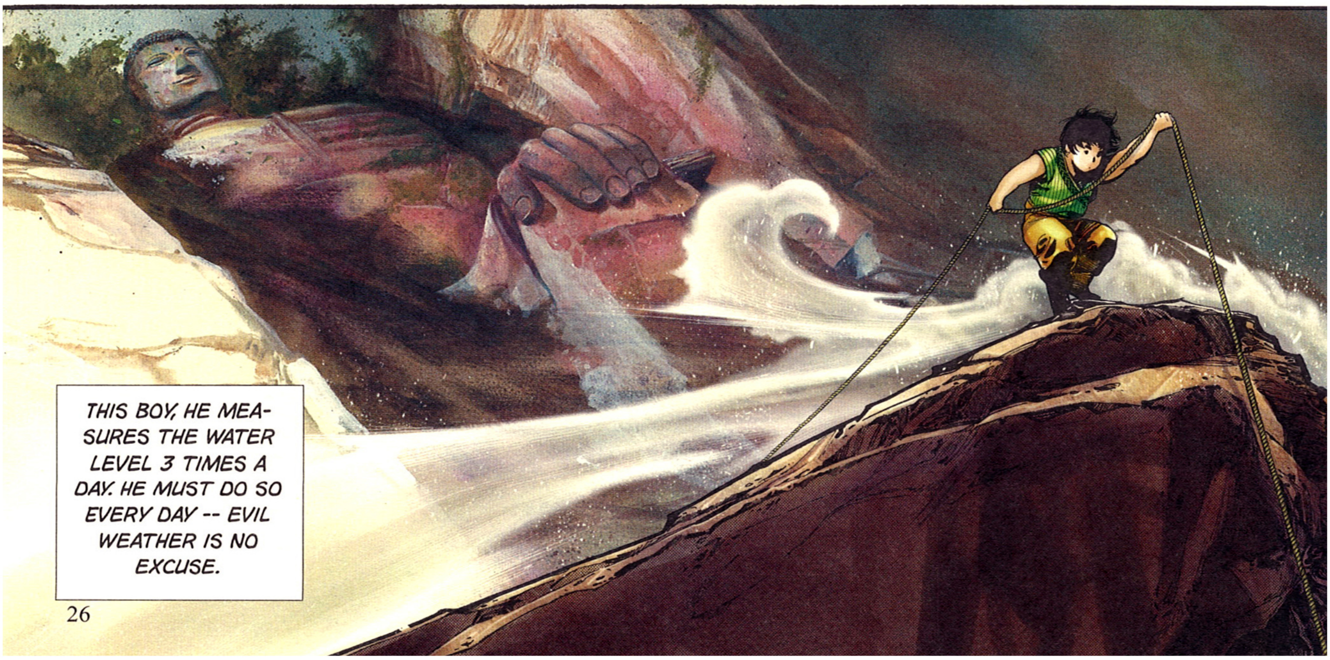

NIE-FONG IS DYING... BUT MASTER NIE IS WITHOUT PITY.
YOU MUST STAND ON YOUR OWN TWO FEET. NO ONE CAN HELP YOU.
BUT MASTER NIE HIMSELF IS ALSO DEFEATED BY HIS WIFE'S LOVE AFFAIR. CAN HE RECOVER FROM THAT?
AUGH
BY HIS OWN STRONG WILL, HE STANDS UP AGAIN.
NIE-FONG'S WILL TO LIVE IS SUDDENLY AWAKENED. HE RISES TO HIS FEET, STAGGERING ACROSS THE SNOWY LANDSCAPE.
UM....
HYUUUUUUU

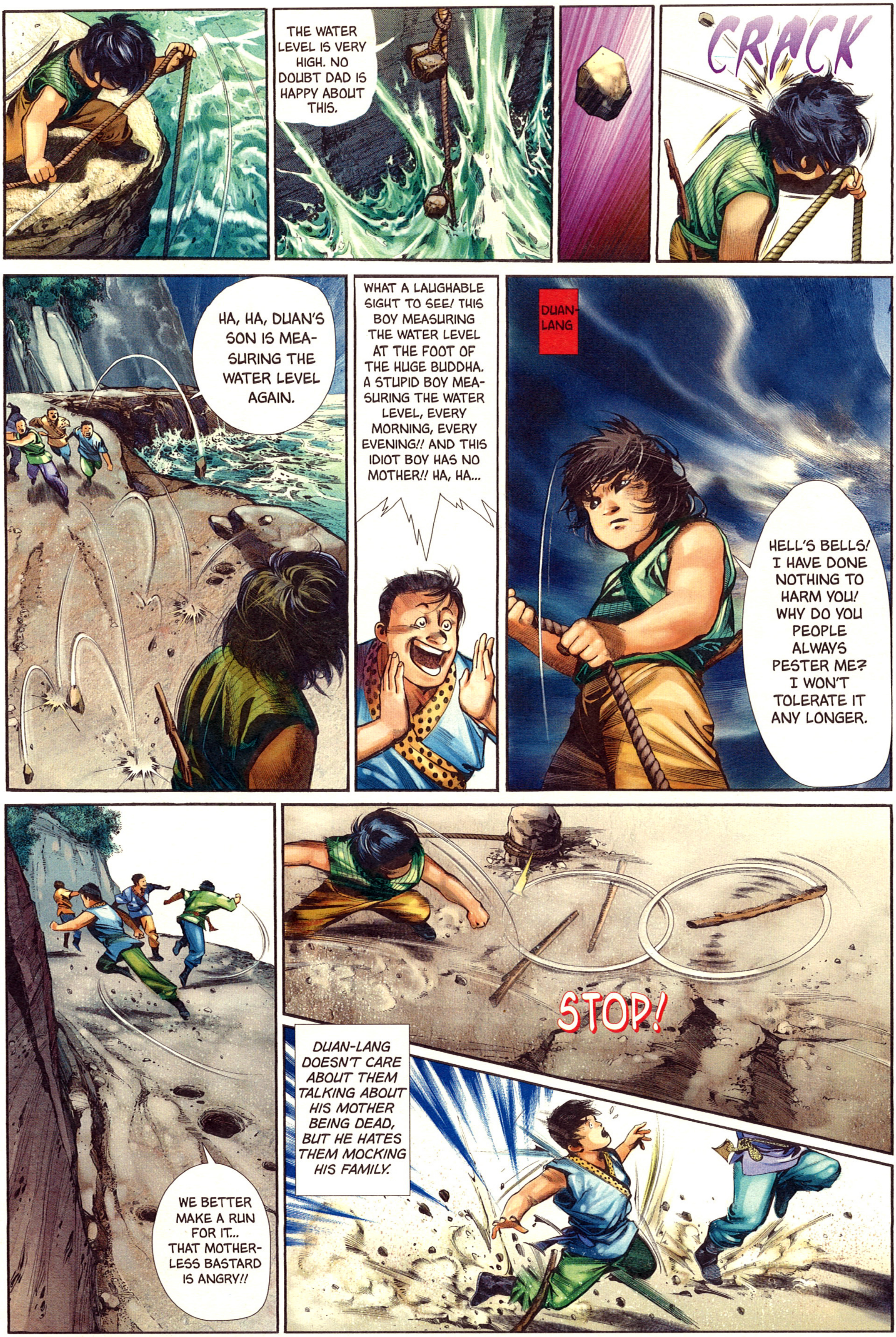

FINALLY YOU GET UP!!
SO WARM...
YOU MUST EAT!! OTHERWISE YOU'LL DIE OF HUNGER.
....
NIE-FONG IS ACHING WITH HUNGER. HE CANNOT RESIST A MOMENT LONGER. HE GRABS A HUNK OF TIGER MEAT AND BEGINS TO DEVOUR IT.
HA, HA, ONE THING IS FOR SURE... THE STRONG RULE OVER THE WEAK. THE FATE OF THE WEAK IS DEATH.

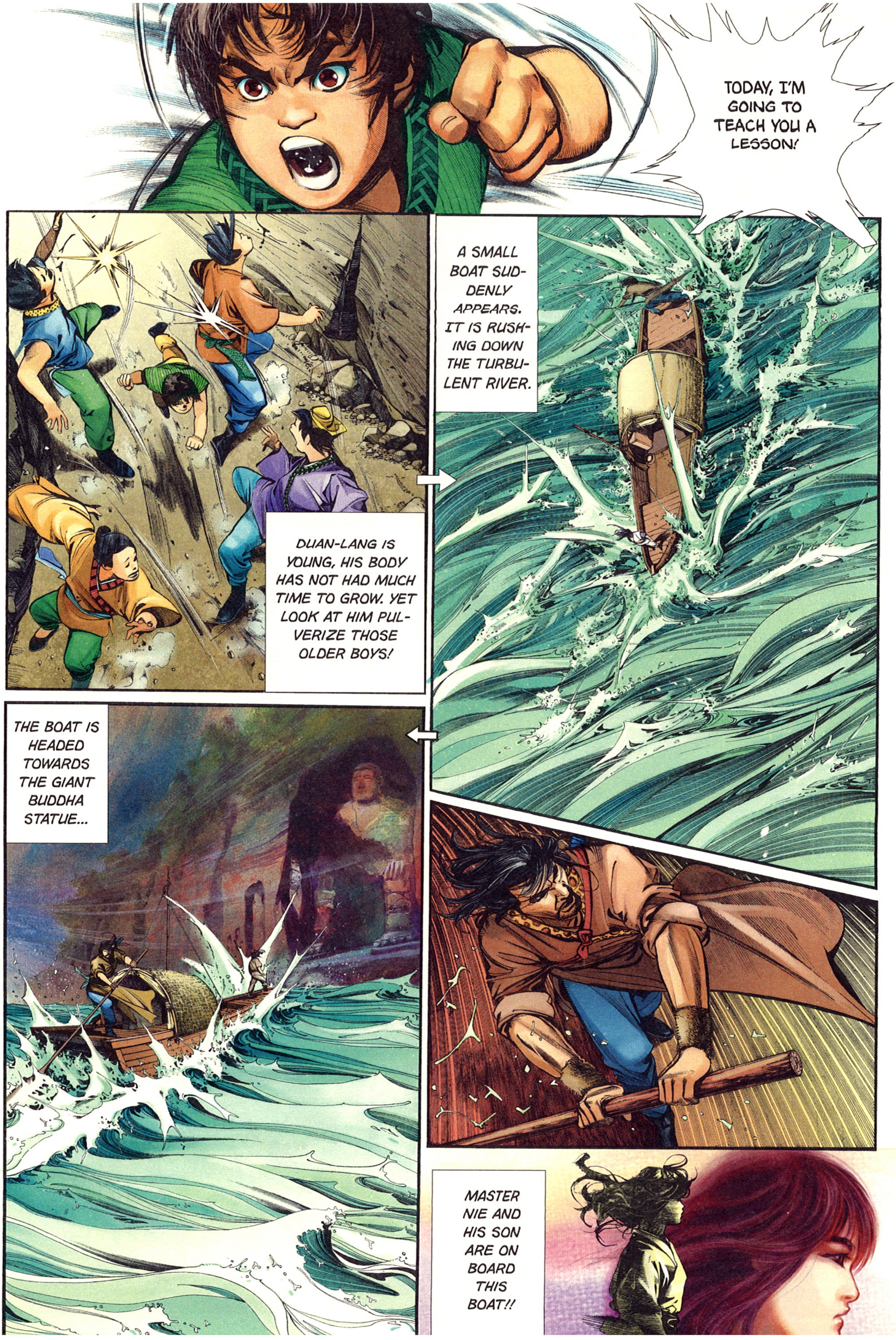

DAD, YOU'RE WRONG. I WILL NOT PERISH. I WILL USE MY STRENGTH TO STOP YOU FROM KILLING THOSE TIGER CUBS.

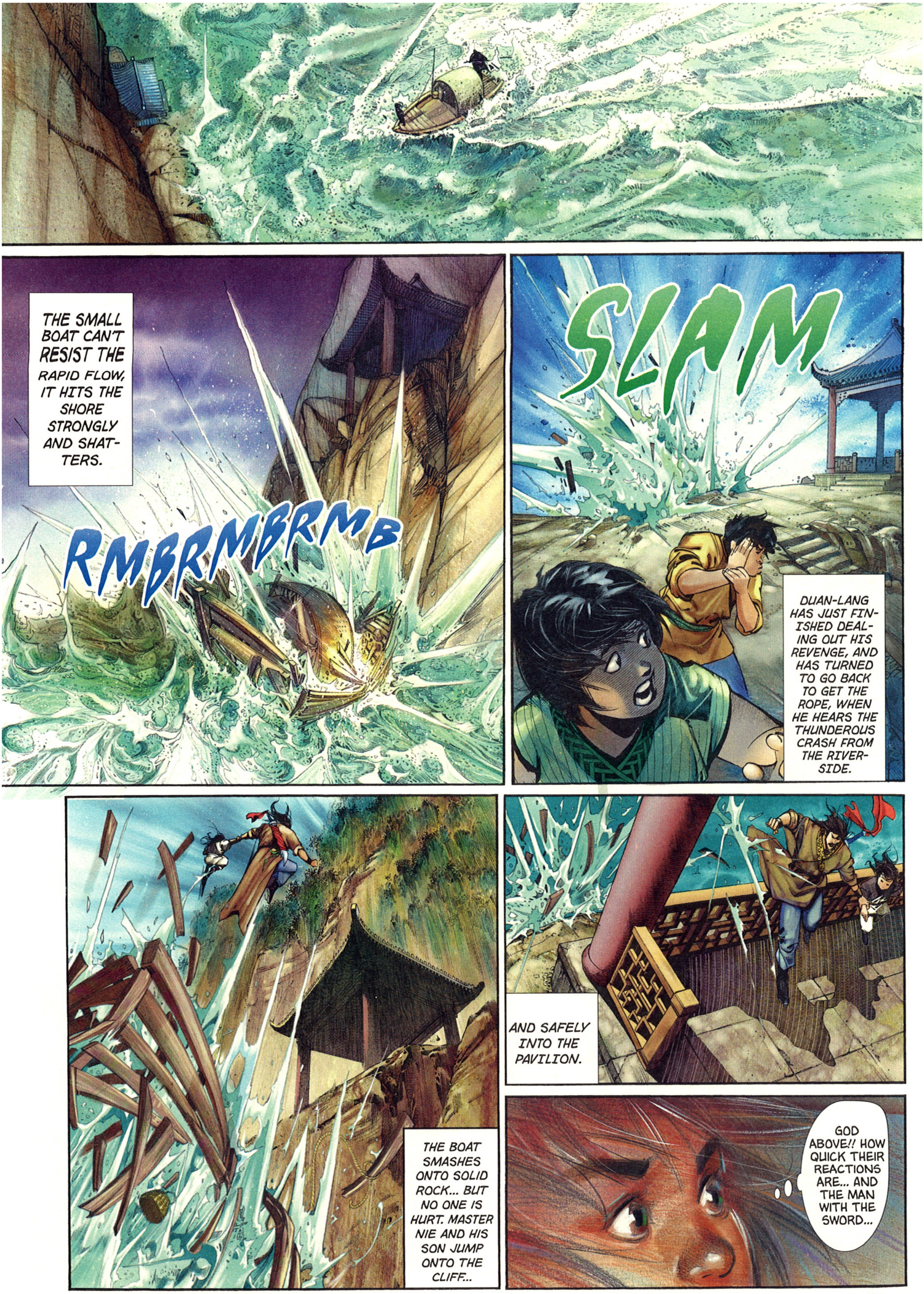

HA, HA, ONLY A SON OF NIE WOULD DARE SAY SUCH A THING!! YES SON, YOU HAVE GUTS! REAL GUTS!!

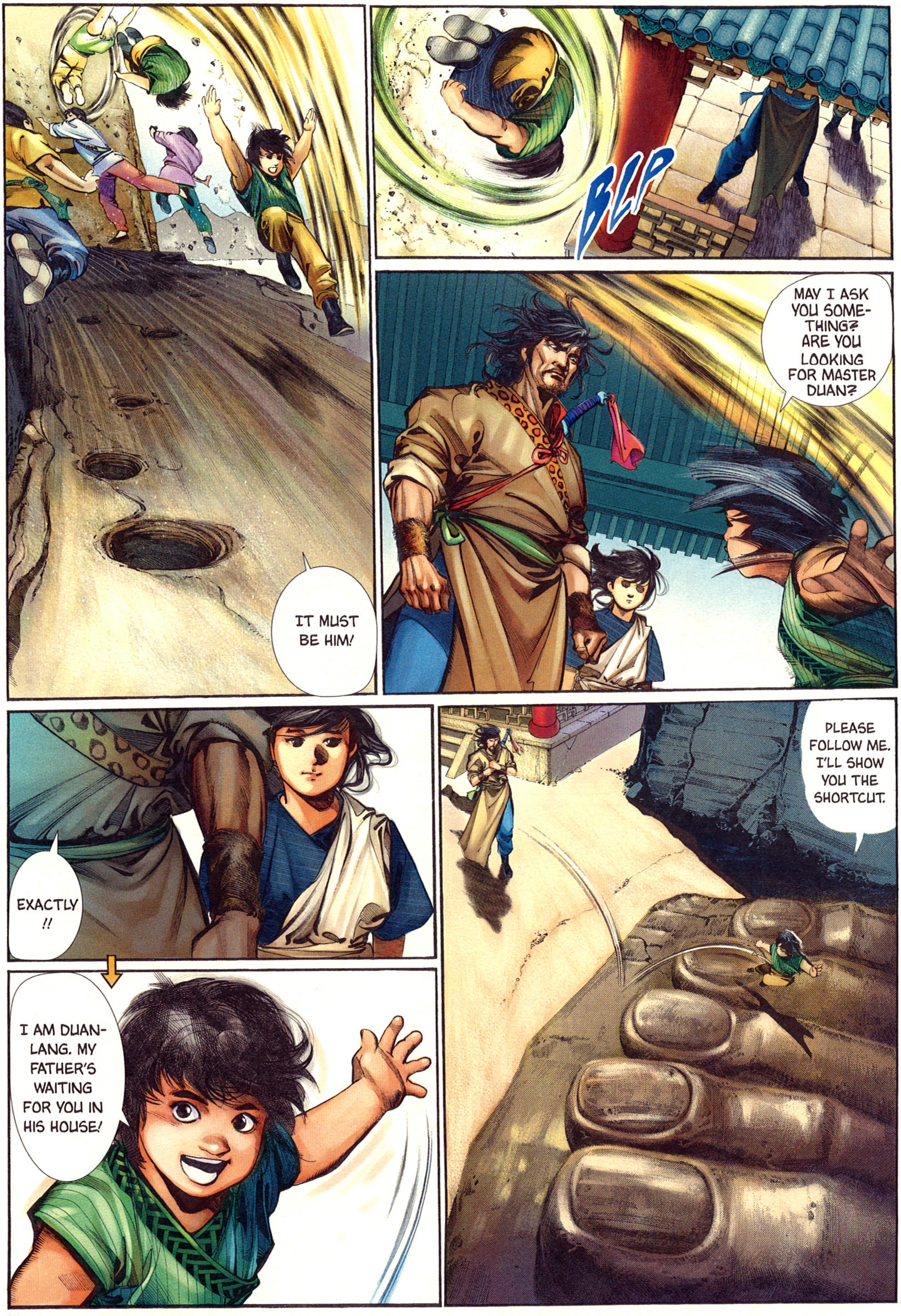

IN THE PLACE WHERE THE MING RIVER, CHING-YI RIVER, AND DA-DU RIVERS MEET, THE CURRENT IS SWIFT. MANY BOATS HAVE CAPSIZED AND SUNK IN THIS DANGEROUS STRETCH OF WATER. IN THE TANG DYNASTY VILLAGERS ERECTED A HUGE BUDDHA STATUE BY THE RIVER - THEY HOPED THIS WOULD LESSEN THE DANGERS OF THE RIVER. THE BUDDHA STATUE WAS GIVEN THE NAME "LE-SHAN BUDDHIST STATUE"

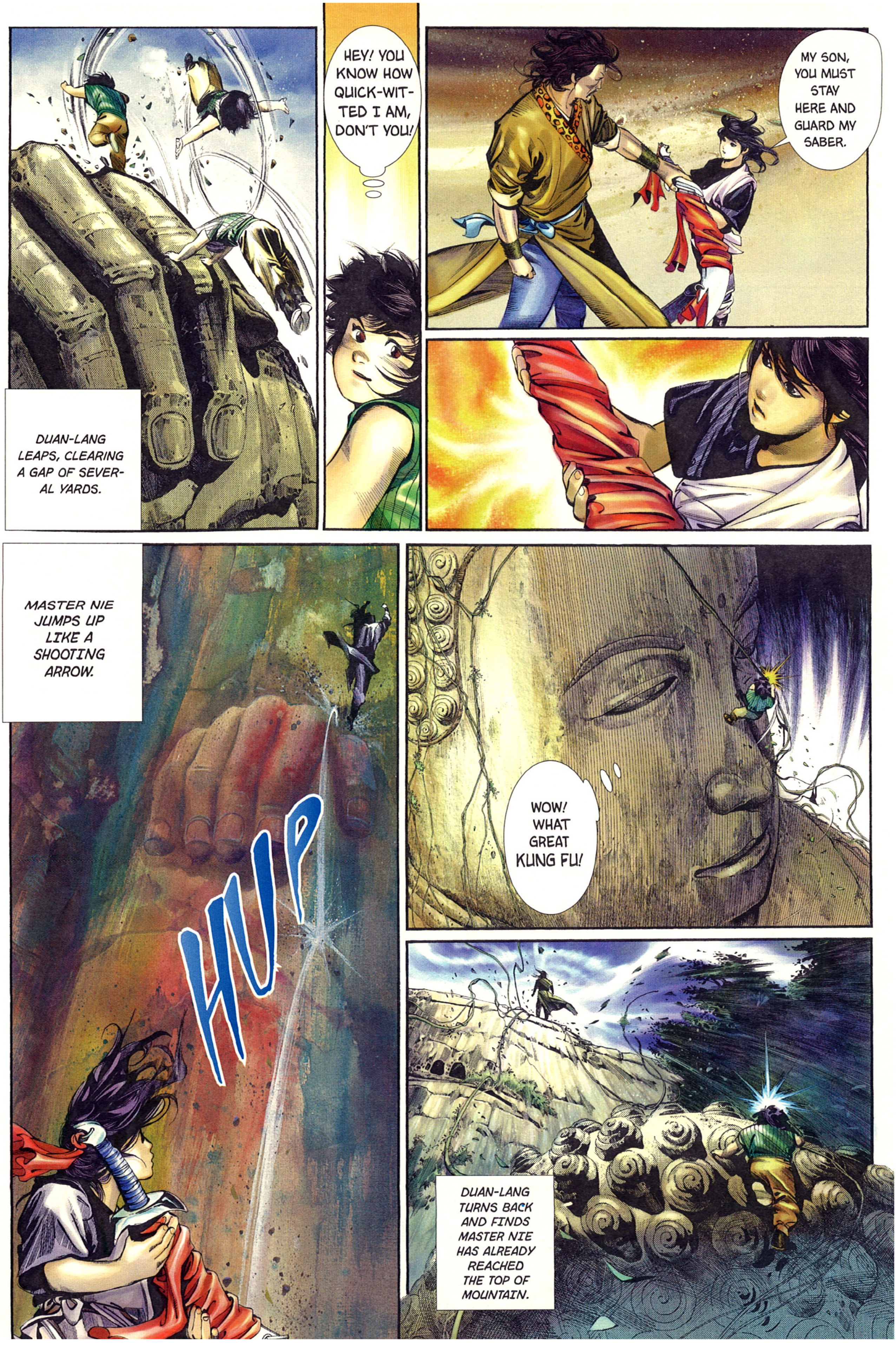

THIS BOY, HE MEASURES THE WATER LEVEL 3 TIMES A DAY. HE MUST DO SO EVERY DAY -- EVIL WEATHER IS NO EXCUSE.

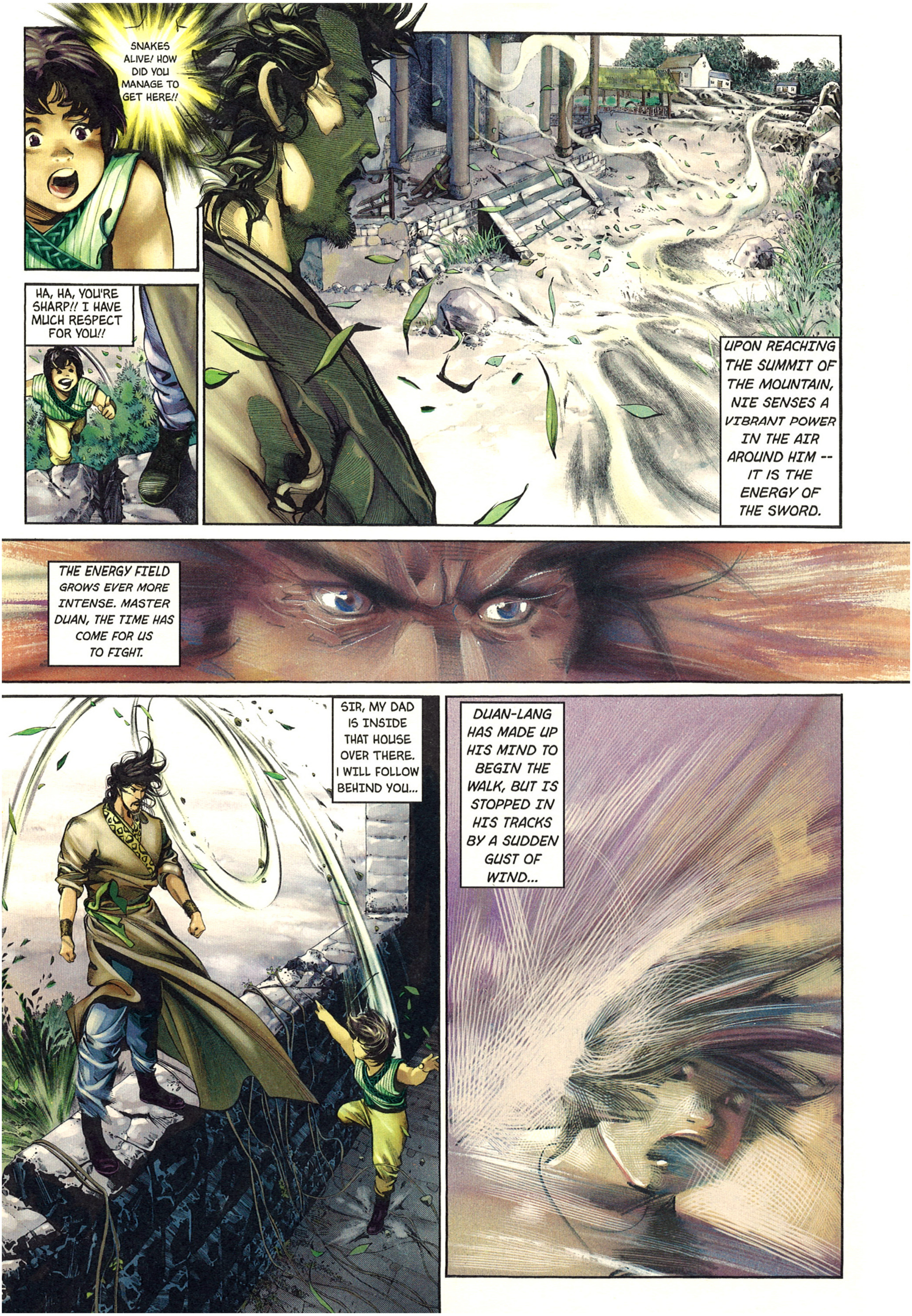

THE WATER LEVEL IS VERY HIGH. NO DOUBT DAD IS HAPPY ABOUT THIS.
CRACK
HA, HA, DUAN'S SON IS MEASURING THE WATER LEVEL AGAIN.
WHAT A LAUGHABLE SIGHT TO SEE! THIS BOY MEASURING THE WATER LEVEL AT THE FOOT OF THE HUGE BUDDHA. A STUPID BOY MEASURING THE WATER LEVEL, EVERY MORNING, EVERY EVENING!! AND THIS IDIOT BOY HAS NO MOTHER!! HA, HA...
DUAN-LANG
HELL'S BELLS! I HAVE DONE NOTHING TO HARM YOU! WHY DO YOU PEOPLE ALWAYS PESTER ME? I WON'T TOLERATE IT ANY LONGER.
WE BETTER MAKE A RUN FOR IT... THAT MOTHERLESS BASTARD IS ANGRY!!
STOP!
DUAN-LANG DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THEM TALKING ABOUT HIS MOTHER BEING DEAD, BUT HE HATES THEM MOCKING HIS FAMILY.

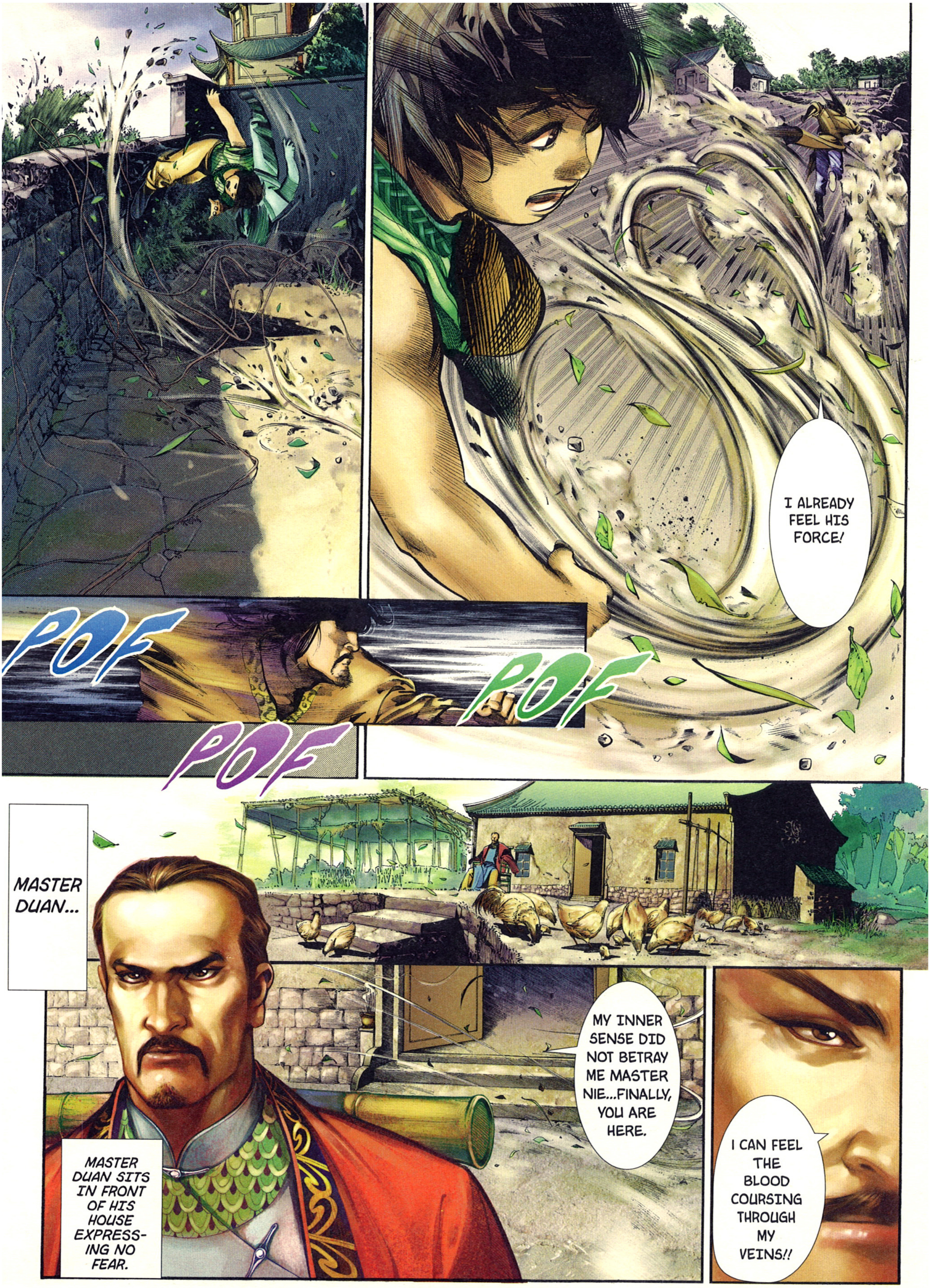

TODAY, I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU A LESSON!
DUAN-LANG IS YOUNG, HIS BODY HAS NOT HAD MUCH TIME TO GROW. YET LOOK AT HIM PULVERIZE THOSE OLDER BOYS!
A SMALL BOAT SUDDENLY APPEARS. IT IS RUSHING DOWN THE TURBULENT RIVER.
THE BOAT IS HEADED TOWARDS THE GIANT BUDDHA STATUE...
MASTER NIE AND HIS SON ARE ON BOARD THIS BOAT!!


THE SMALL BOAT CAN'T RESIST THE RAPID FLOW, IT HITS THE SHORE STRONGLY AND SHATTERS.
RMBRMBRMB
SLAM
DUAN-LANG HAS JUST FINISHED DEALING OUT HIS REVENGE, AND HAS TURNED TO GO BACK TO GET THE ROPE, WHEN HE HEARS THE THUNDEROUS CRASH FROM THE RIVERSIDE.
THE BOAT SMASHES ONTO SOLID ROCK... BUT NO ONE IS HURT. MASTER NIE AND HIS SON JUMP ONTO THE CLIFF...
AND SAFELY INTO THE PAVILION.
GOD ABOVE!! HOW QUICK THEIR REACTIONS ARE... AND THE MAN WITH THE SWORD...


IT MUST BE HIM!
BLP
MAY I ASK YOU SOMETHING? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MASTER DUAN?
EXACTLY !!
I AM DUANLANG. MY FATHER'S WAITING FOR YOU IN HIS HOUSE!
PLEASE FOLLOW ME. I'LL SHOW YOU THE SHORTCUT.


DUAN-LANG LEAPS, CLEARING A GAP OF SEVERAL YARDS.
HEY! YOU KNOW HOW QUICK-WITTED I AM, DON'T YOU!
MY SON, YOU MUST STAY HERE AND GUARD MY SABER.
MASTER NIE JUMPS UP LIKE A SHOOTING ARROW.
HUP
WOW! WHAT GREAT KUNG FU!
DUAN-LANG TURNS BACK AND FINDS MASTER NIE HAS ALREADY REACHED THE TOP OF MOUNTAIN.


SNAKES ALIVE! HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO GET HERE!!
HA, HA, YOU'RE SHARP!! I HAVE MUCH RESPECT FOR YOU!!
UPON REACHING THE SUMMIT OF THE MOUNTAIN, NIE SENSES A VIBRANT POWER IN THE AIR AROUND HIM -- IT IS THE ENERGY OF THE SWORD.
THE ENERGY FIELD GROWS EVER MORE INTENSE. MASTER DUAN, THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO FIGHT.
SIR, MY DAD IS INSIDE THAT HOUSE OVER THERE. I WILL FOLLOW BEHIND YOU...
DUAN-LANG HAS MADE UP HIS MIND TO BEGIN THE WALK, BUT IS STOPPED IN HIS TRACKS BY A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND...


I ALREADY FEEL HIS FORCE!
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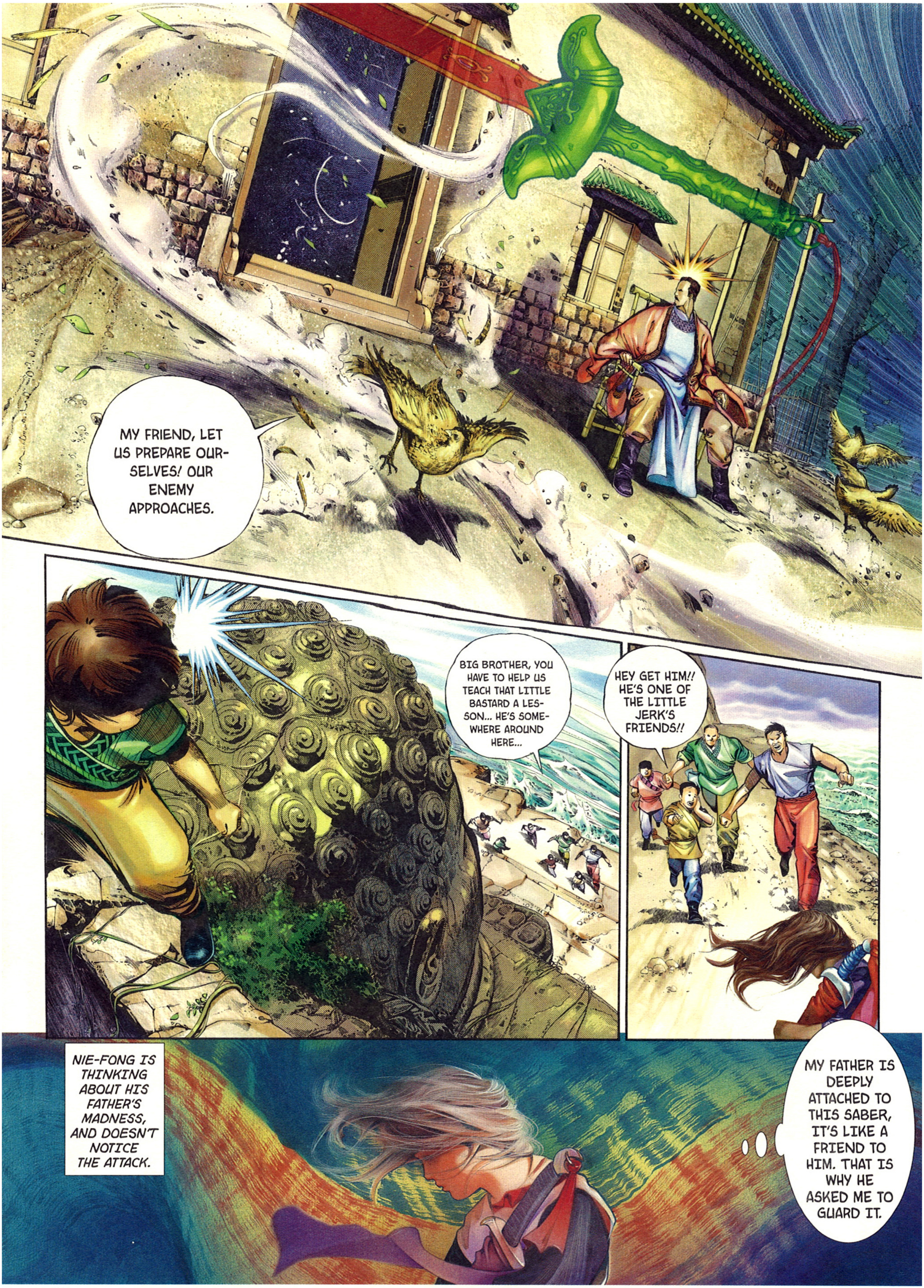
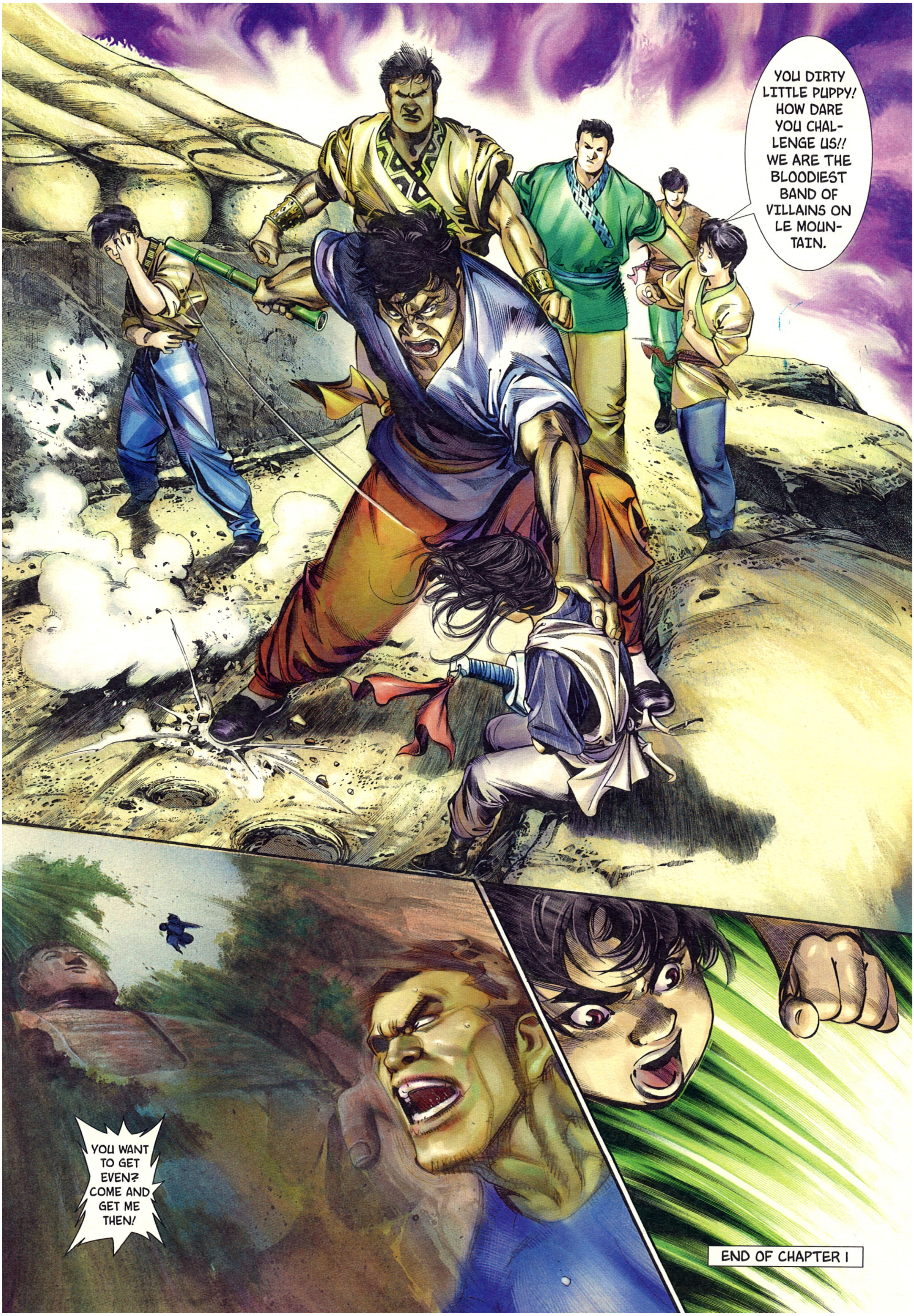
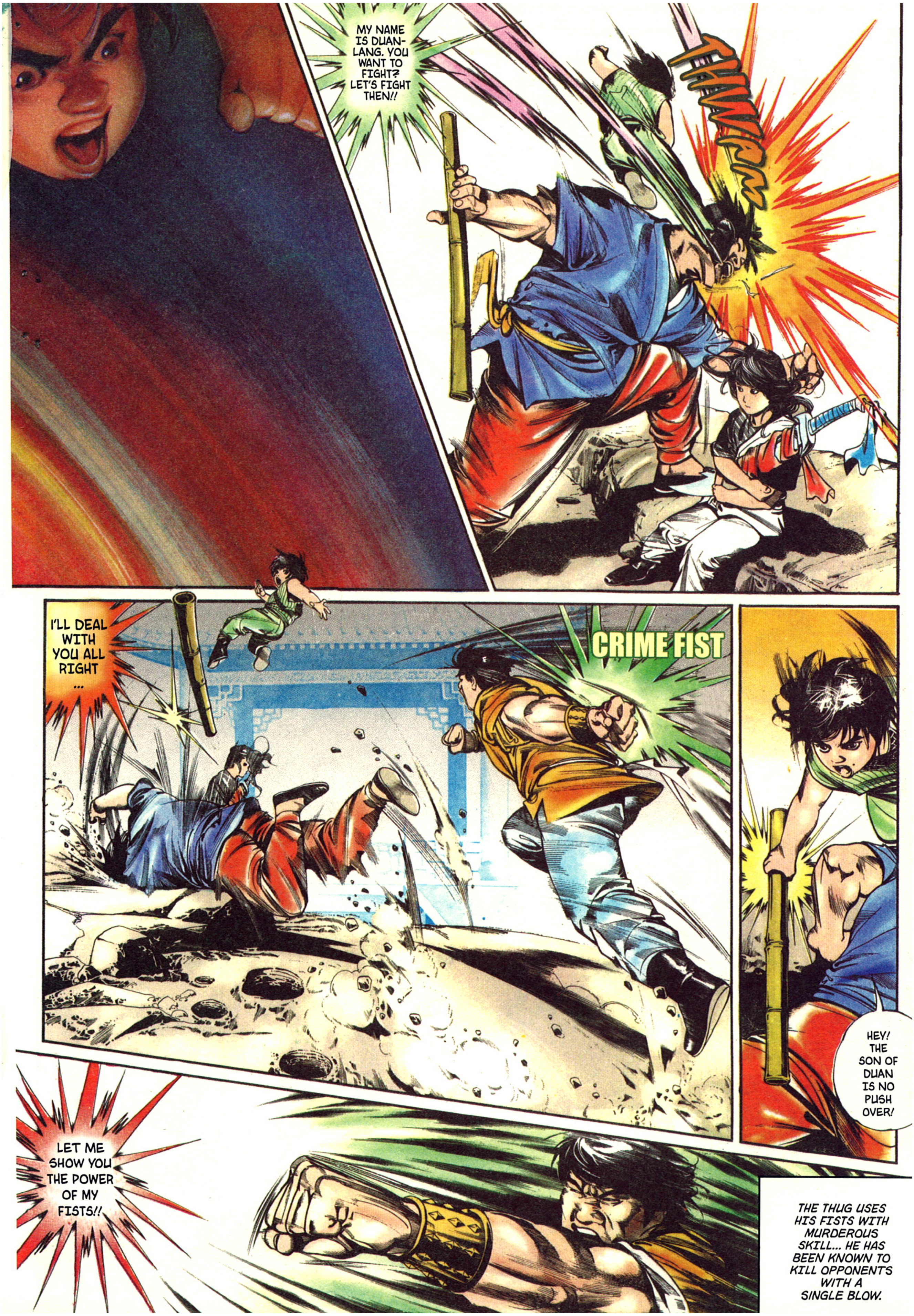
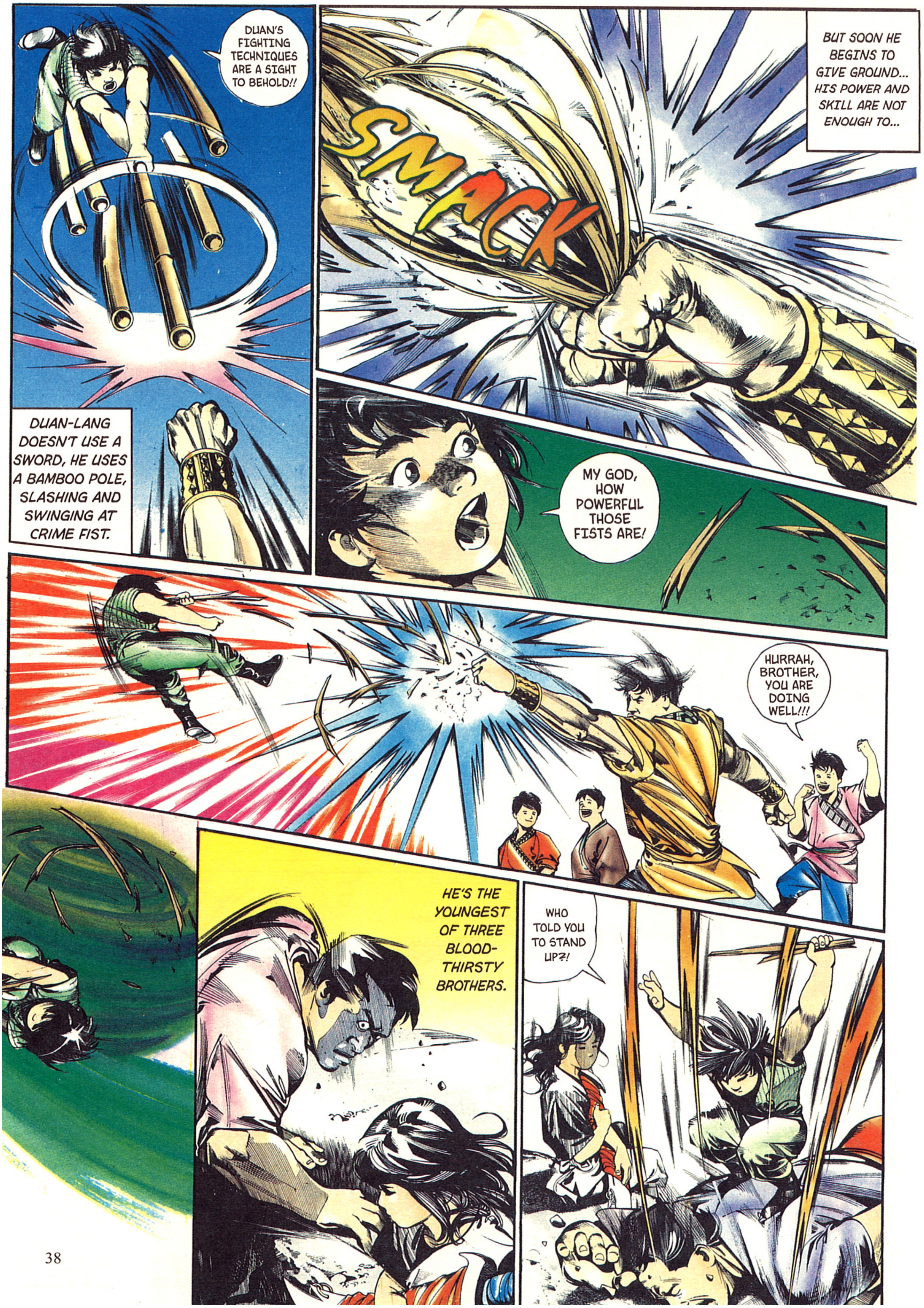
MASTER DUAN...
MY INNER SENSE DID NOT BETRAY ME MASTER NIE...FINALLY, YOU ARE HERE.
I CAN FEEL THE BLOOD COURSING THROUGH MY VEINS!!
MASTER DUAN SITS IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE EXPRESSING NO FEAR.

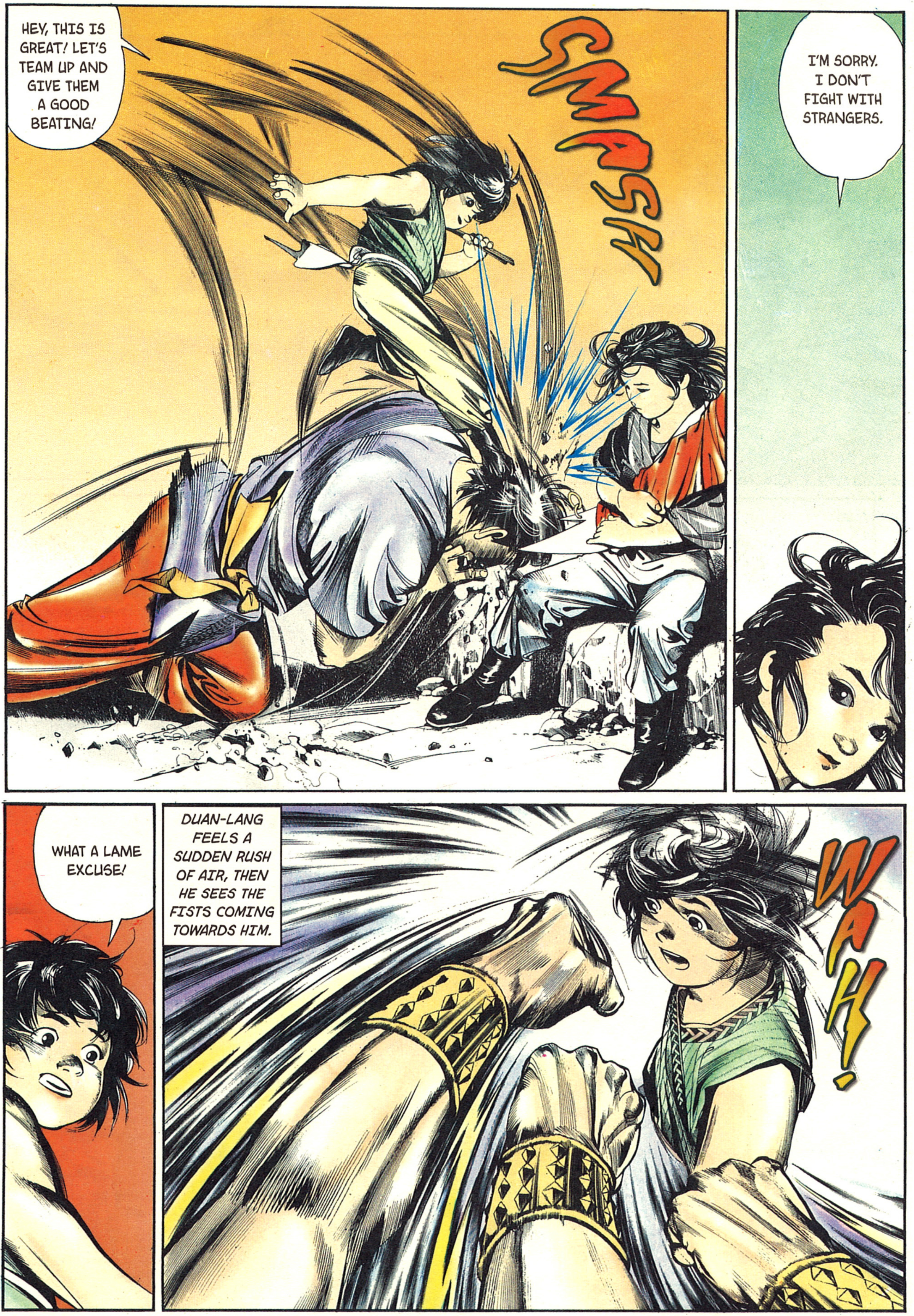

MY FRIEND, LET US PREPARE OURSELVES! OUR ENEMY APPROACHES.
BIG BROTHER, YOU HAVE TO HELP US TEACH THAT LITTLE BASTARD A LESSON... HE'S SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE...
HEY GET HIM!! HE'S ONE OF THE LITTLE JERK'S FRIENDS!!
NIE-FONG IS THINKING ABOUT HIS FATHER'S MADNESS, AND DOESN'T NOTICE THE ATTACK.
MY FATHER IS DEEPLY ATTACHED TO THIS SABER, IT'S LIKE A FRIEND TO HIM. THAT IS WHY HE ASKED ME TO GUARD IT.

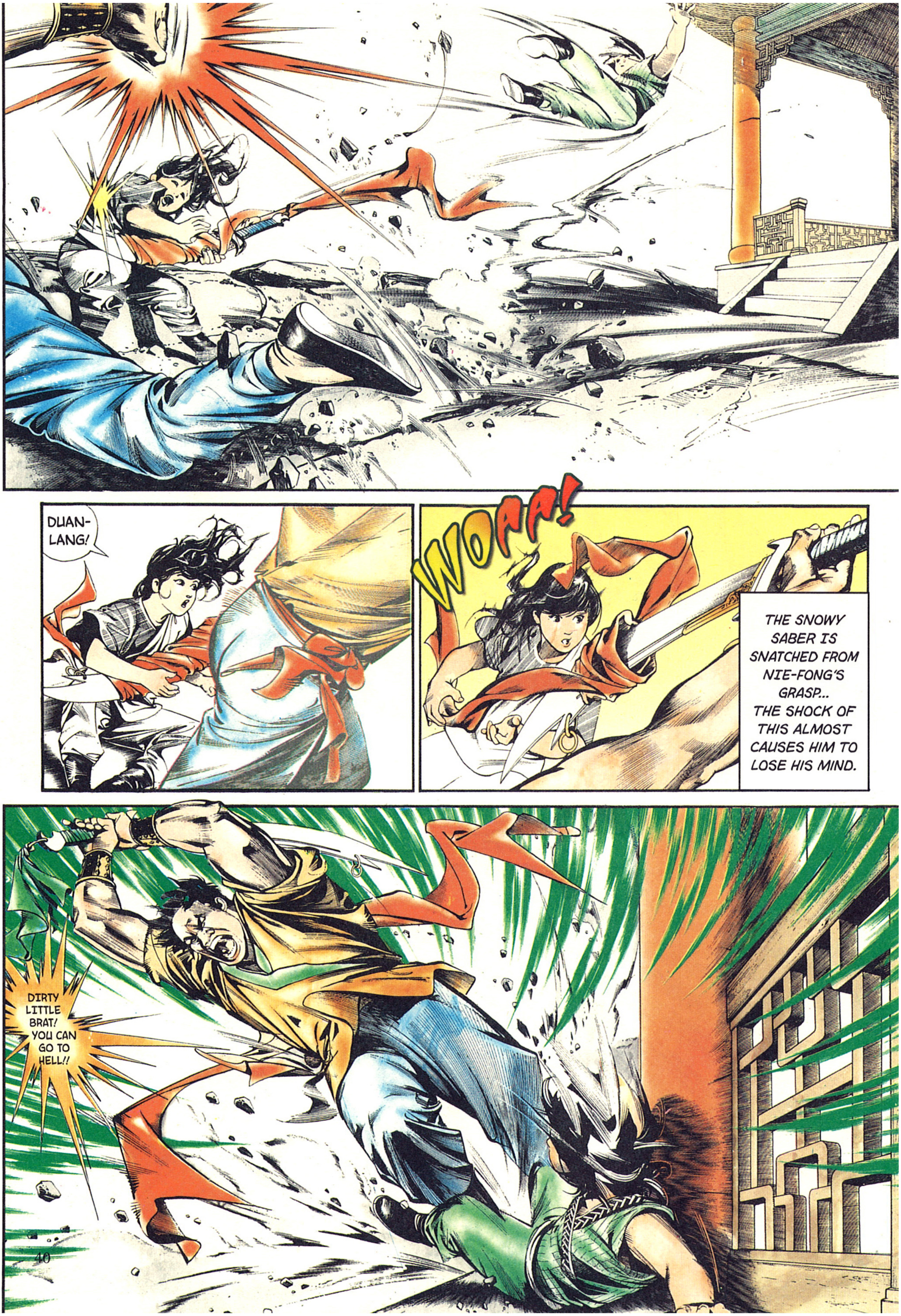

YOU DIRTY LITTLE PUPPY! HOW DARE YOU CHALLENGE US!! WE ARE THE BLOODIEST BAND OF VILLAINS ON LE MOUNTAIN.
YOU WANT TO GET EVEN? COME AND GET ME THEN!
END OF CHAPTER 1

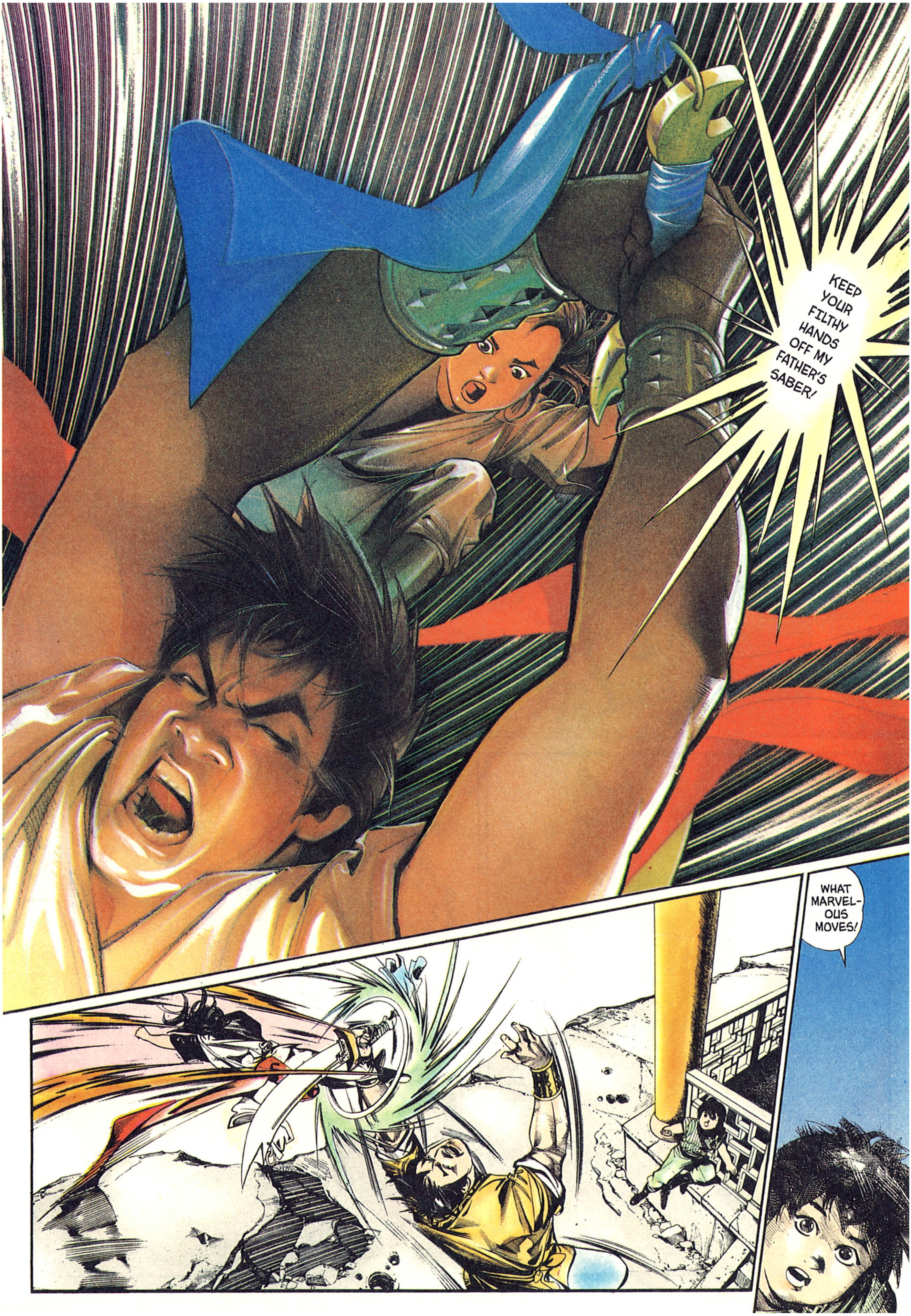
Chapter 2: The Legend

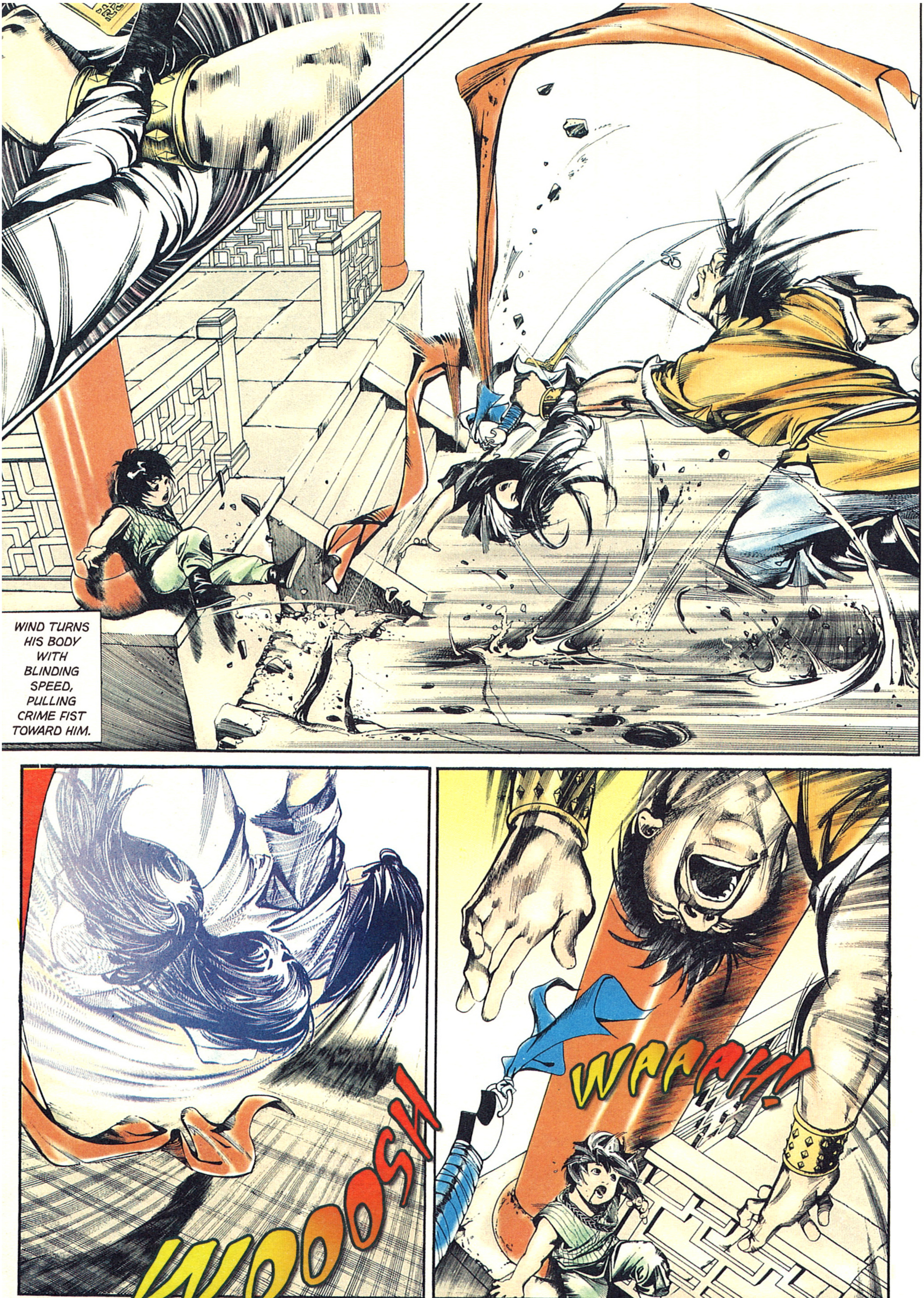

MY NAME IS DUAN-LANG. YOU WANT TO FIGHT? LET'S FIGHT THEN!!
THWACK
I'LL DEAL WITH YOU ALL RIGHT ...
CRIME FIST
HEY! THE SON OF DUAN IS NO PUSH OVER!
LET ME SHOW YOU THE POWER OF MY FISTS!!
THE THUG USES HIS FISTS WITH MURDEROUS SKILL... HE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO KILL OPPONENTS WITH A SINGLE BLOW.

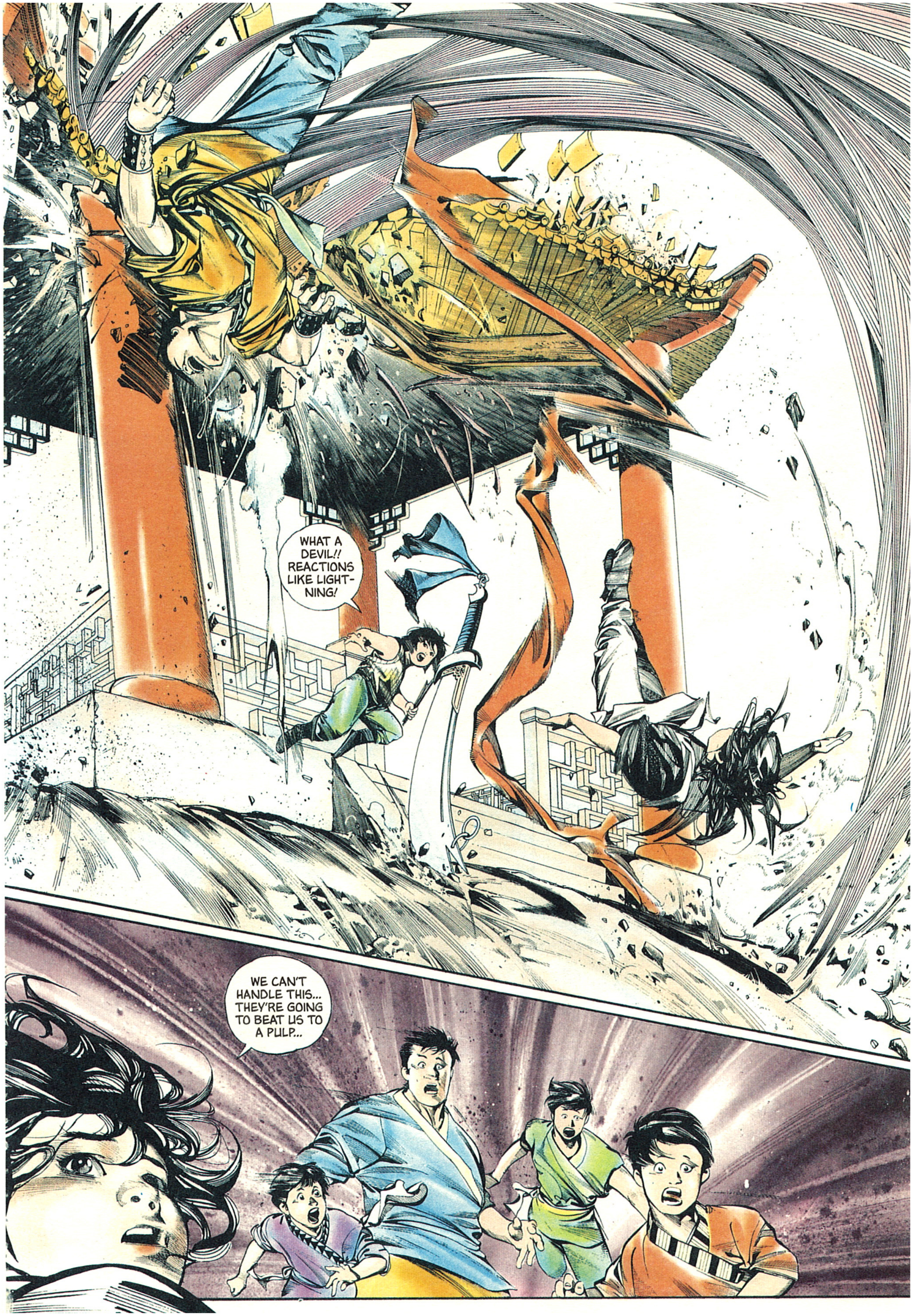

DUAN'S FIGHTING TECHNIQUES ARE A SIGHT TO BEHOLD!!
DUAN-LANG DOESN'T USE A SWORD, HE USES A BAMBOO POLE, SLASHING AND SWINGING AT CRIME FIST.
SMACK
BUT SOON HE BEGINS TO GIVE GROUND... HIS POWER AND SKILL ARE NOT ENOUGH TO...
MY GOD, HOW POWERFUL THOSE FISTS ARE!
HURRAH, BROTHER, YOU ARE DOING WELL!!!
HE'S THE YOUNGEST OF THREE BLOOD-THIRSTY BROTHERS.
WHO TOLD YOU TO STAND UP?!

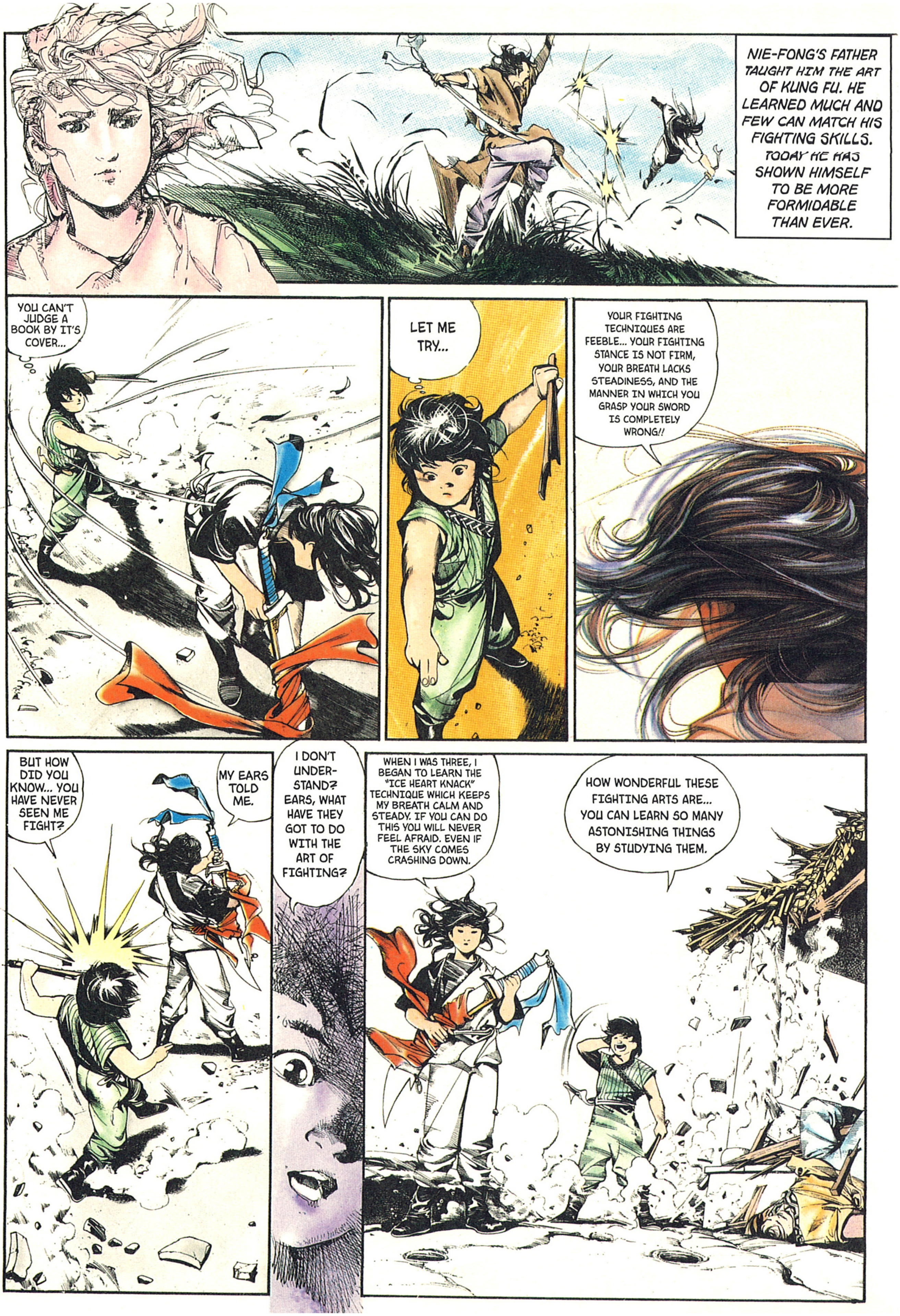

HEY, THIS IS GREAT! LET'S TEAM UP AND GIVE THEM A GOOD BEATING!
SMASH
I'M SORRY. I DON'T FIGHT WITH STRANGERS.
WHAT A LAME EXCUSE!
DUAN-LANG FEELS A SUDDEN RUSH OF AIR, THEN HE SEES THE FISTS COMING TOWARDS HIM.
WAH!

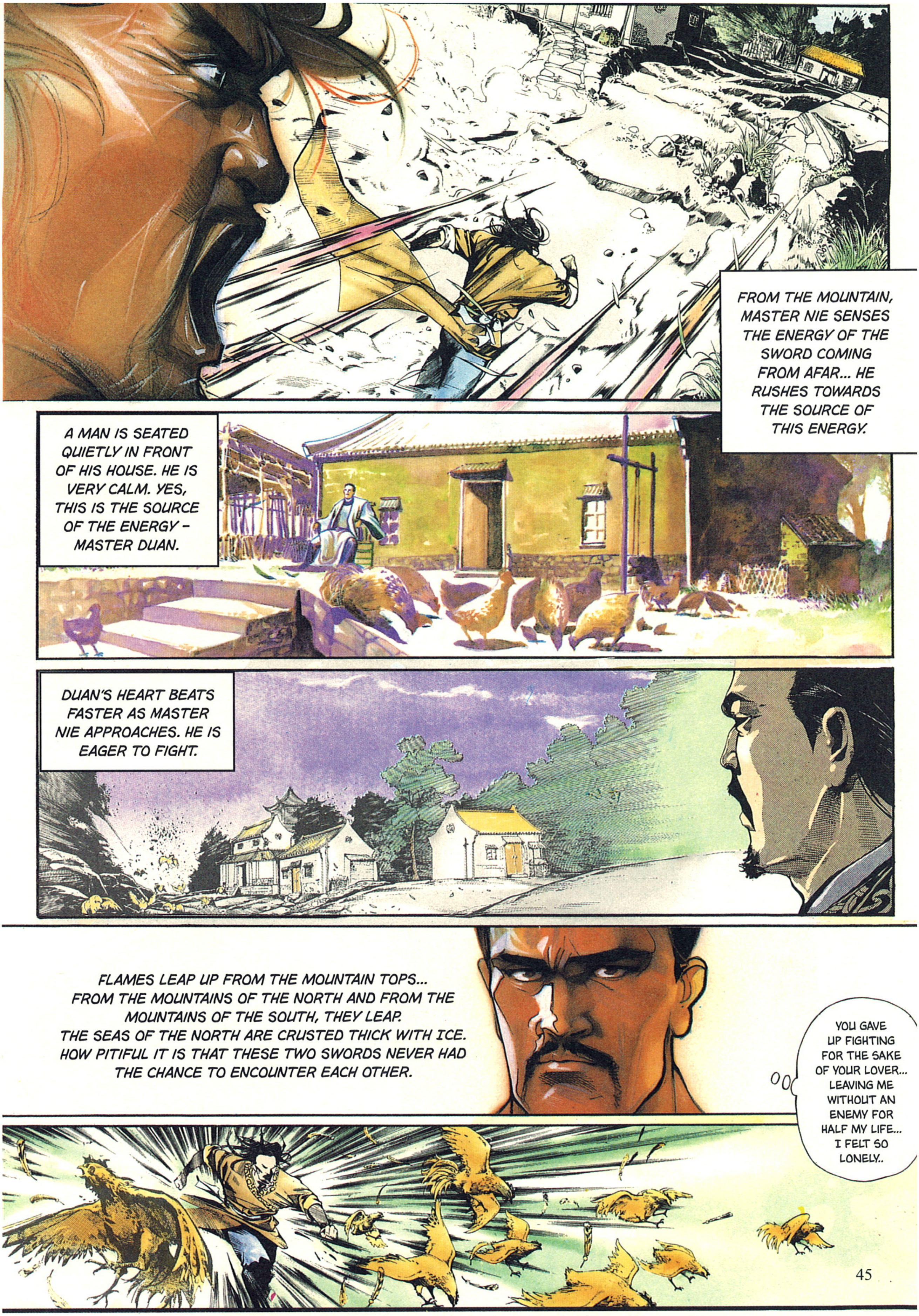

DUAN-LANG!
WOAA!
THE SNOWY SABER IS SNATCHED FROM NIE-FONG'S GRASP... THE SHOCK OF THIS ALMOST CAUSES HIM TO LOSE HIS MIND.
DIRTY LITTLE BRAT! YOU CAN GO TO HELL!!

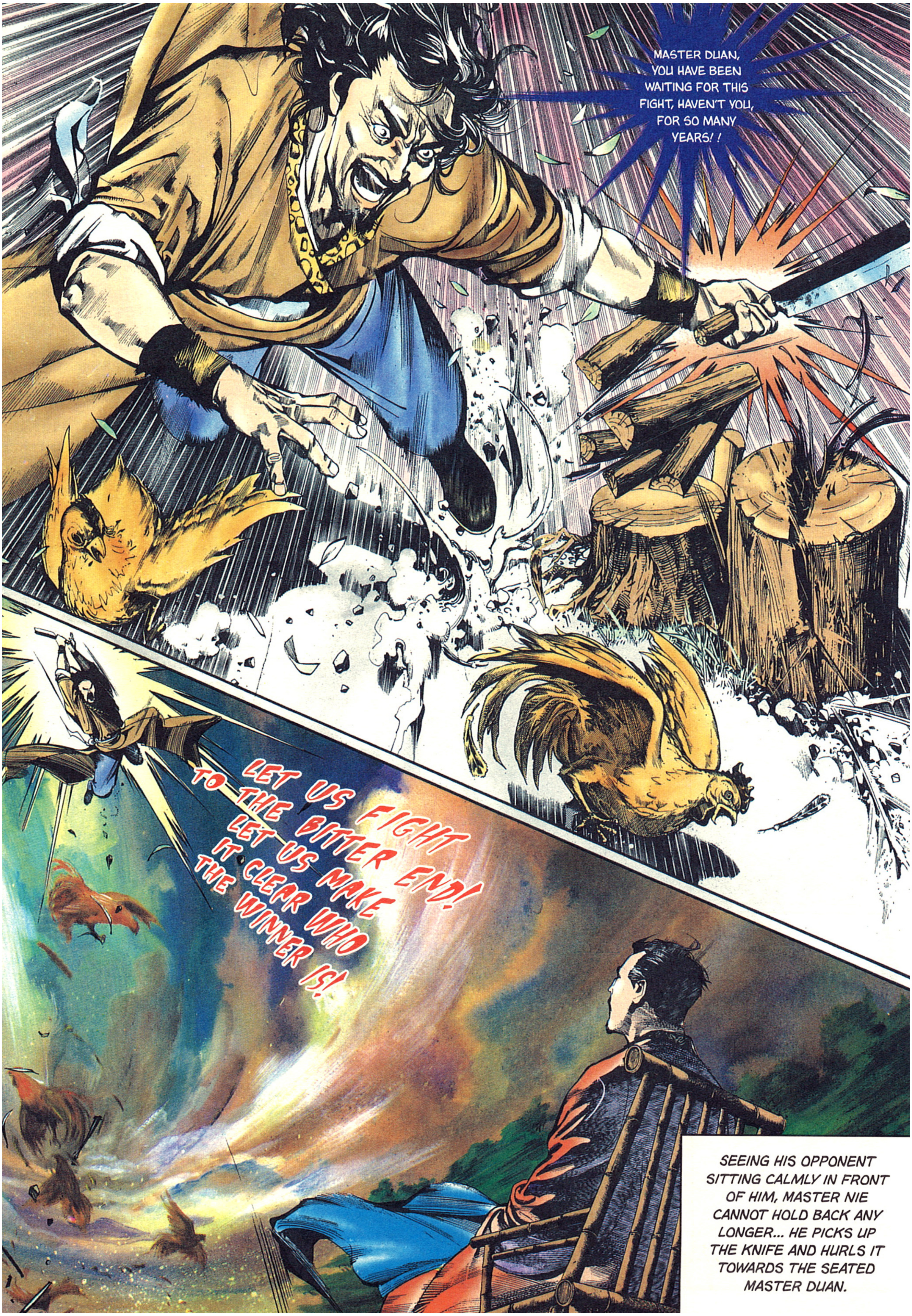

KEEP YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFF MY FATHER'S SABER!
WHAT MARVELOUS MOVES!

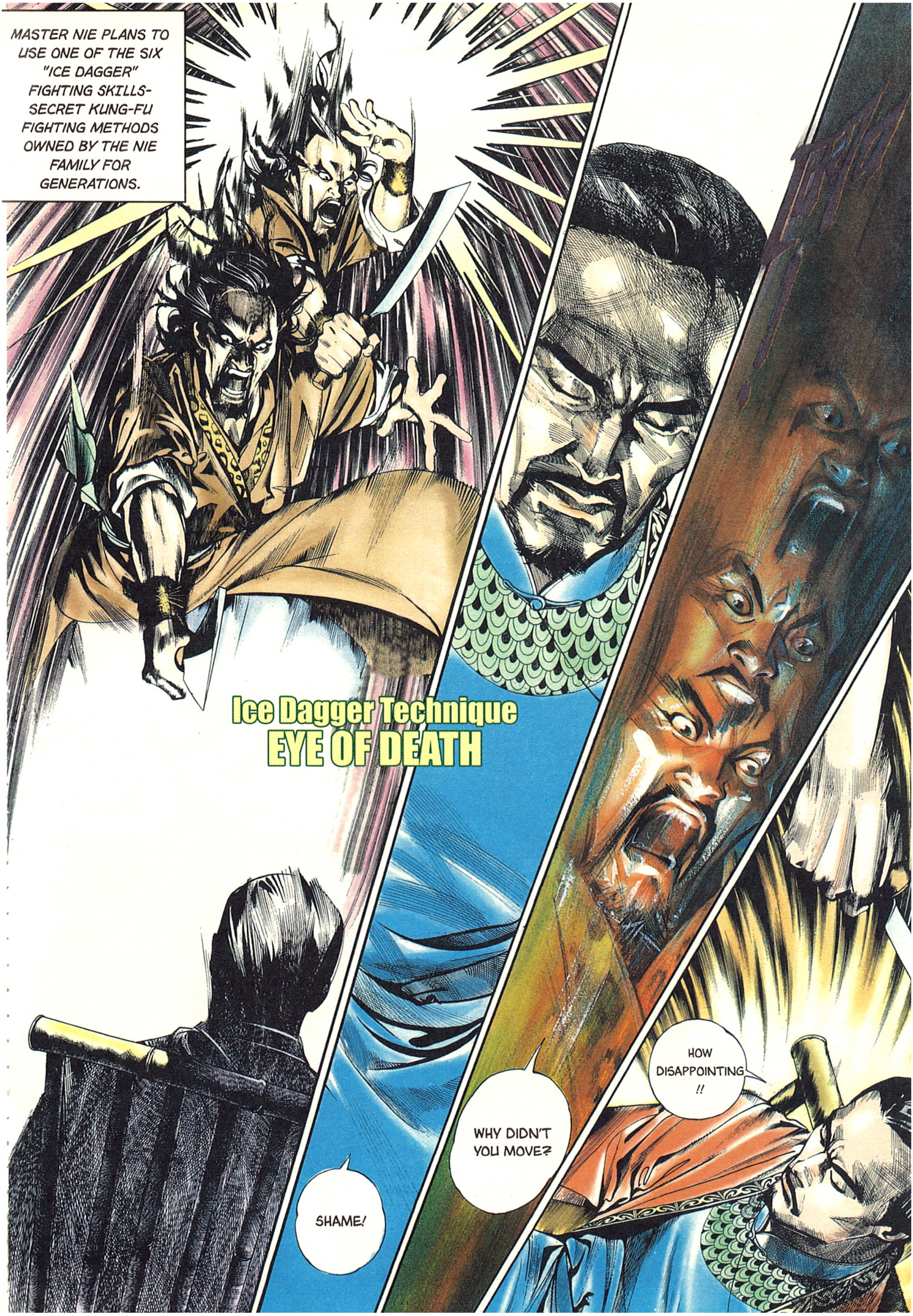

WIND TURNS HIS BODY WITH BLINDING SPEED, PULLING CRIME FIST TOWARD HIM.
WOOOSH
WAAAH!

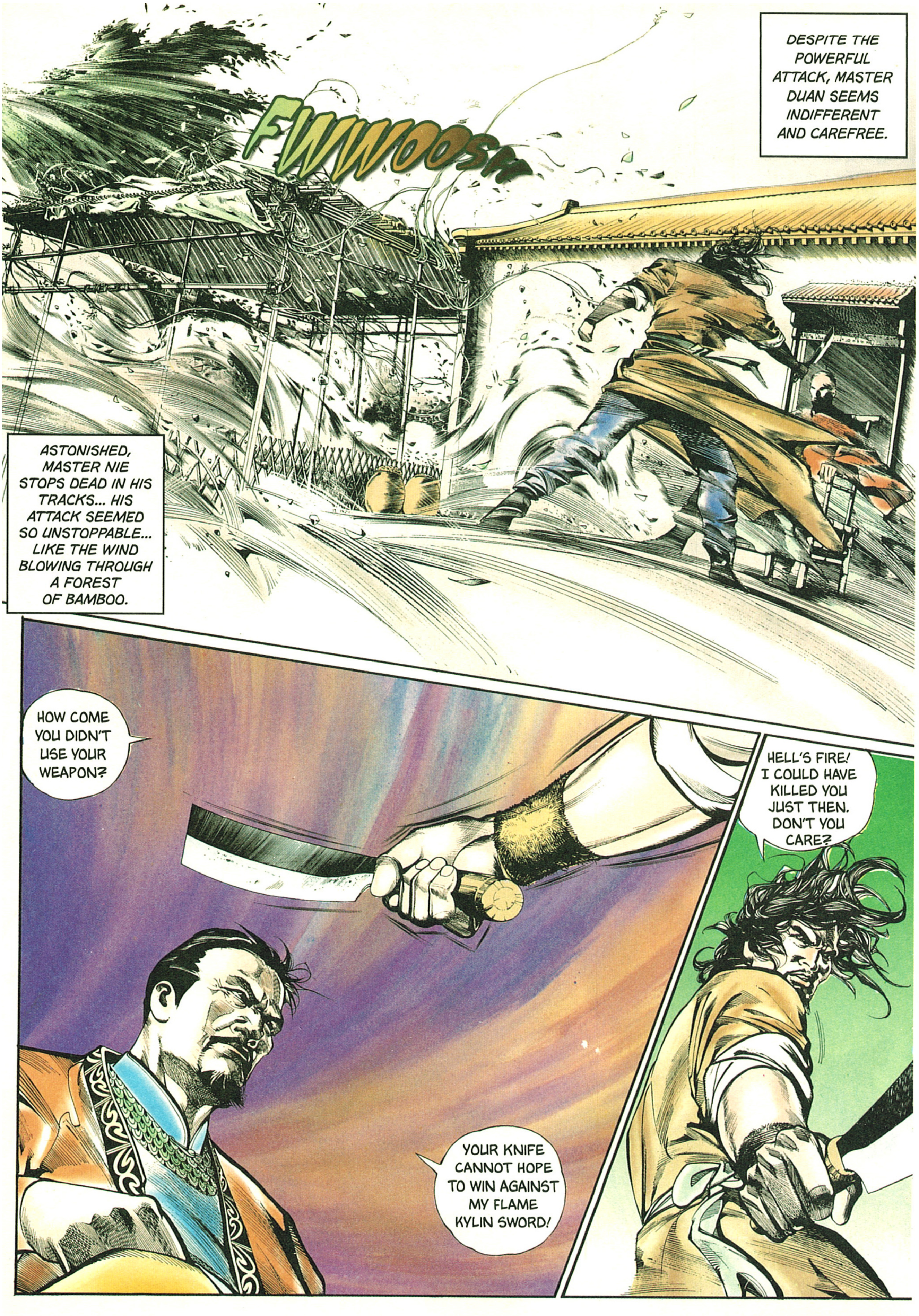

WHAT A DEVIL!! REACTIONS LIKE LIGHTNING!
WE CAN'T HANDLE THIS... THEY'RE GOING TO BEAT US TO A PULP...

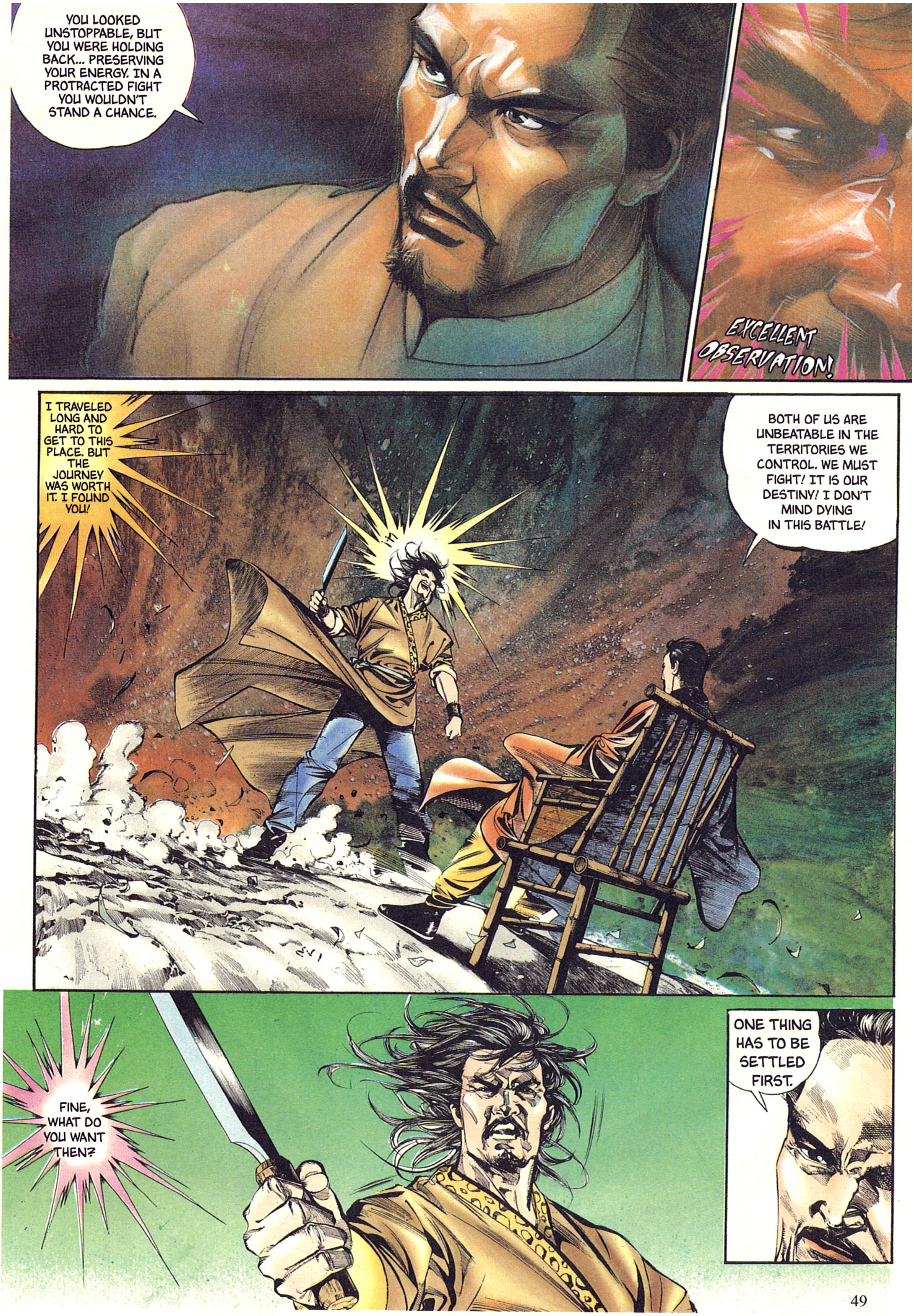

NIE-FONG'S FATHER TAUGHT HIM THE ART OF KUNG FU. HE LEARNED MUCH AND FEW CAN MATCH HIS FIGHTING SKILLS. TODAY HE HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE MORE FORMIDABLE THAN EVER.
YOU CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY IT'S COVER...
LET ME TRY...
YOUR FIGHTING TECHNIQUES ARE FEEBLE... YOUR FIGHTING STANCE IS NOT FIRM, YOUR BREATH LACKS STEADINESS, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU GRASP YOUR SWORD IS COMPLETELY WRONG!!
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW... YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN ME FIGHT?
MY EARS TOLD ME.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND? EARS, WHAT HAVE THEY GOT TO DO WITH THE ART OF FIGHTING?
WHEN I WAS THREE, I BEGAN TO LEARN THE "ICE HEART KNACK" TECHNIQUE WHICH KEEPS MY BREATH CALM AND STEADY. IF YOU CAN DO THIS YOU WILL NEVER FEEL AFRAID. EVEN IF THE SKY COMES CRASHING DOWN.
HOW WONDERFUL THESE FIGHTING ARTS ARE... YOU CAN LEARN SO MANY ASTONISHING THINGS BY STUDYING THEM.

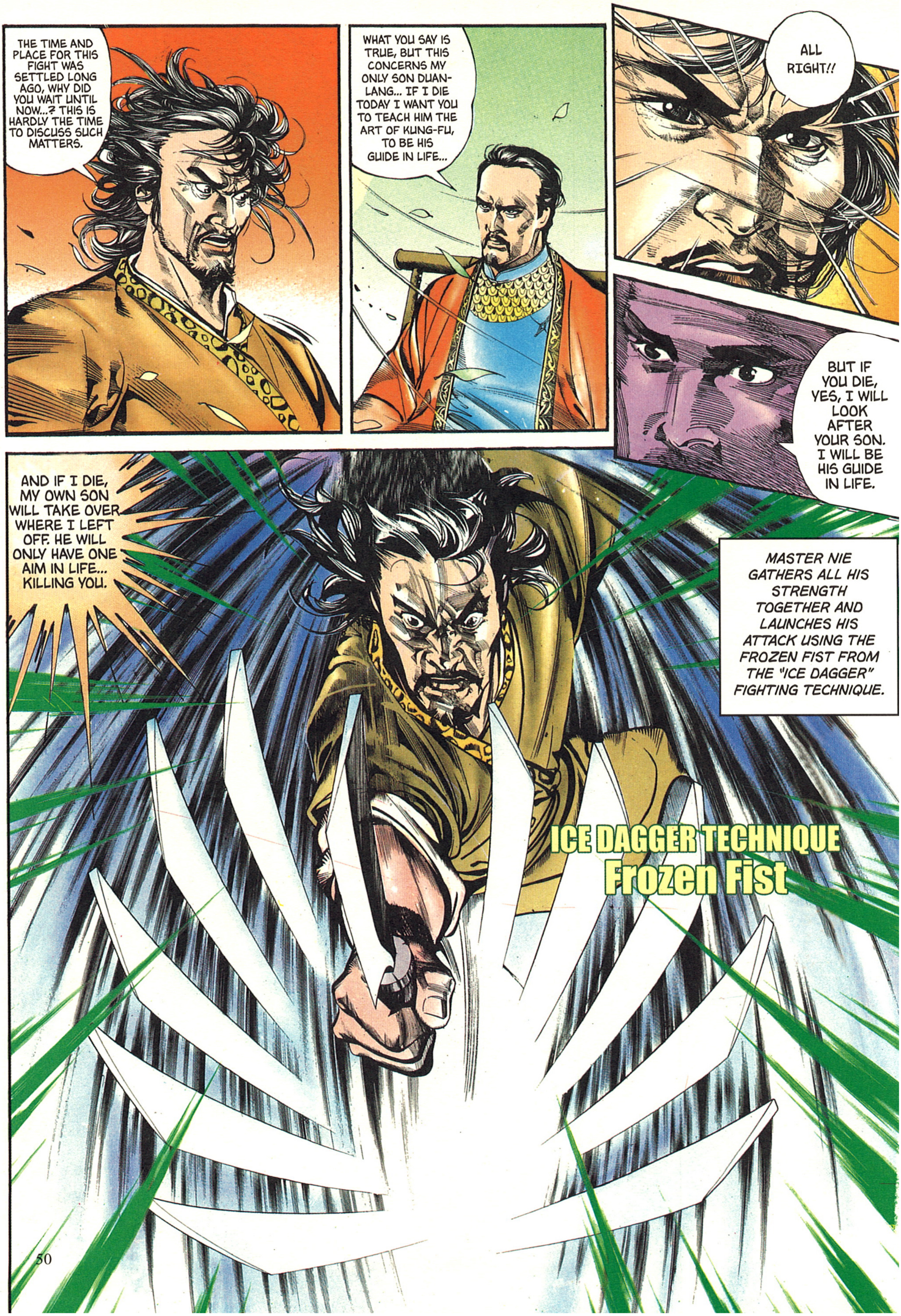

FROM THE MOUNTAIN, MASTER NIE SENSES THE ENERGY OF THE SWORD COMING FROM AFAR... HE RUSHES TOWARDS THE SOURCE OF THIS ENERGY.
A MAN IS SEATED QUIETLY IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE. HE IS VERY CALM. YES, THIS IS THE SOURCE OF THE ENERGY – MASTER DUAN.
DUAN'S HEART BEATS FASTER AS MASTER NIE APPROACHES. HE IS EAGER TO FIGHT.
FLAMES LEAP UP FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOPS... FROM THE MOUNTAINS OF THE NORTH AND FROM THE MOUNTAINS OF THE SOUTH, THEY LEAP. THE SEAS OF THE NORTH ARE CRUSTED THICK WITH ICE. HOW PITIFUL IT IS THAT THESE TWO SWORDS NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO ENCOUNTER EACH OTHER.
YOU GAVE UP FIGHTING FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR LOVER... LEAVING ME WITHOUT AN ENEMY FOR HALF MY LIFE... I FELT SO LONELY..

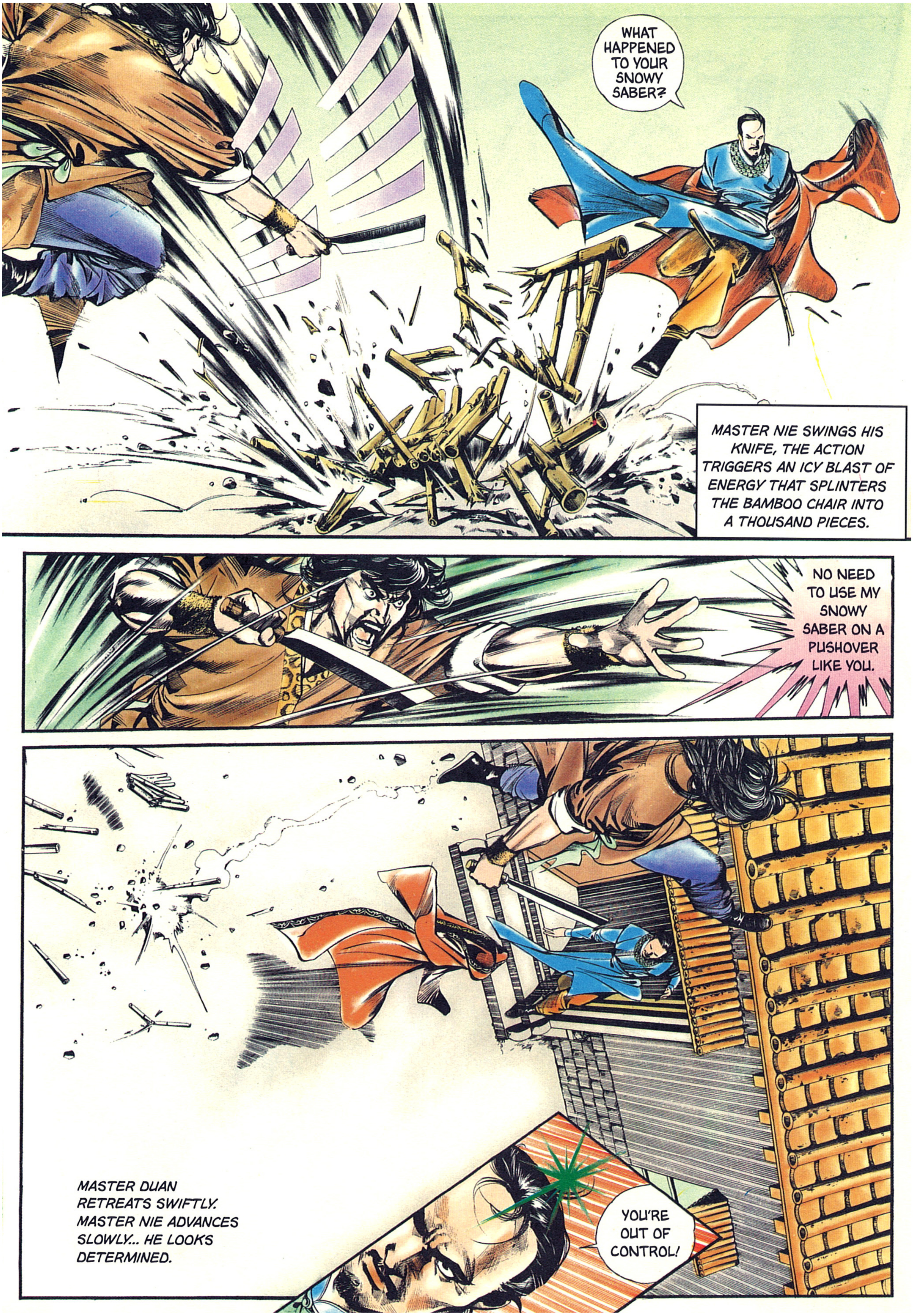

MASTER DUAN, YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS FIGHT, HAVEN'T YOU, FOR SO MANY YEARS! !
LET US FIGHT TO THE BITTER END! LET US MAKE IT CLEAR WHO THE WINNER IS!
SEEING HIS OPPONENT SITTING CALMLY IN FRONT OF HIM, MASTER NIE CANNOT HOLD BACK ANY LONGER... HE PICKS UP THE KNIFE AND HURLS IT TOWARDS THE SEATED MASTER DUAN.

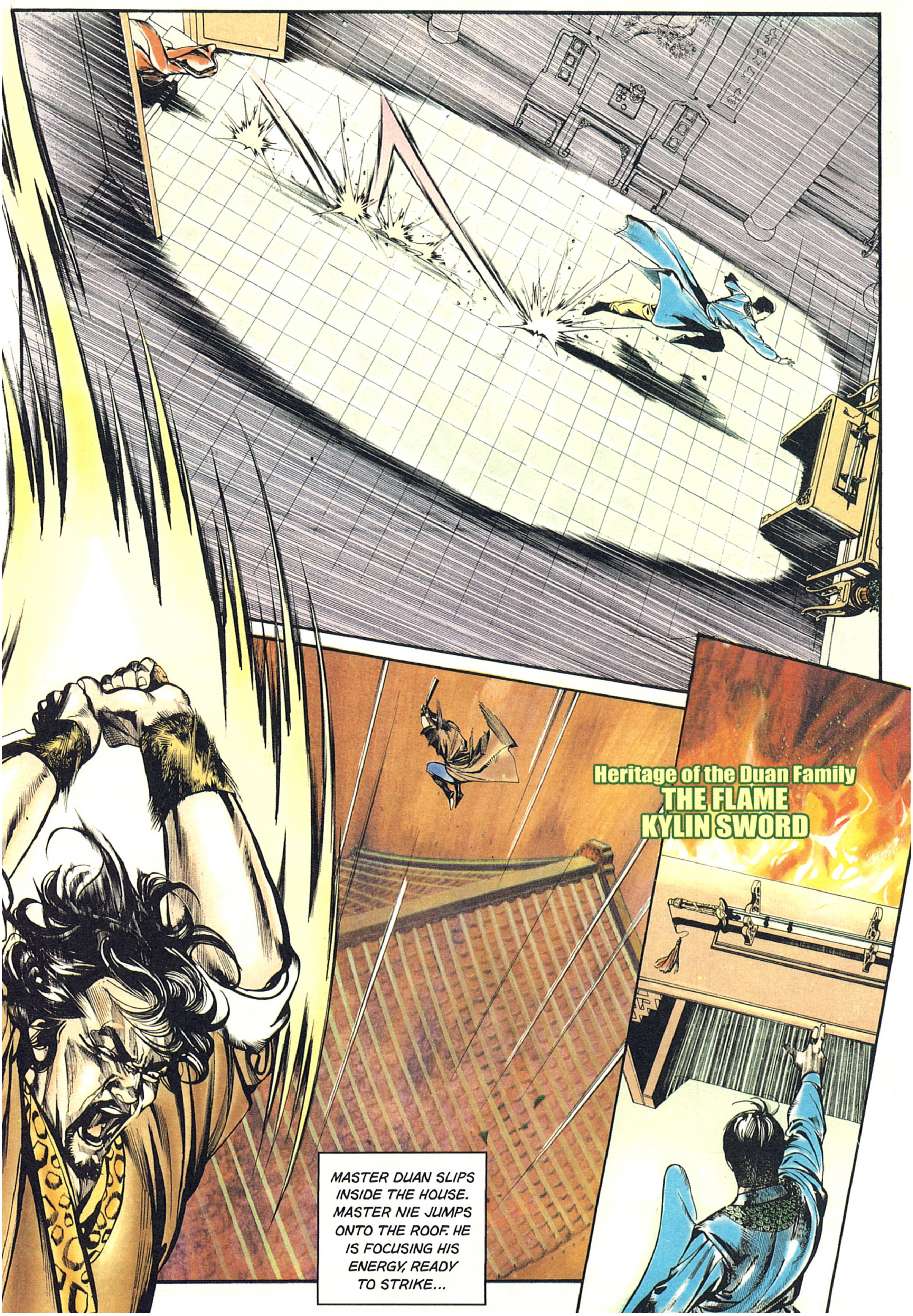

MASTER NIE PLANS TO USE ONE OF THE SIX "ICE DAGGER" FIGHTING SKILLS- SECRET KUNG-FU FIGHTING METHODS OWNED BY THE NIE FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS.
Ice Dagger Technique
EYE OF DEATH
SHAME!
WHY DIDN'T YOU MOVE?
HOW DISAPPOINTING !!

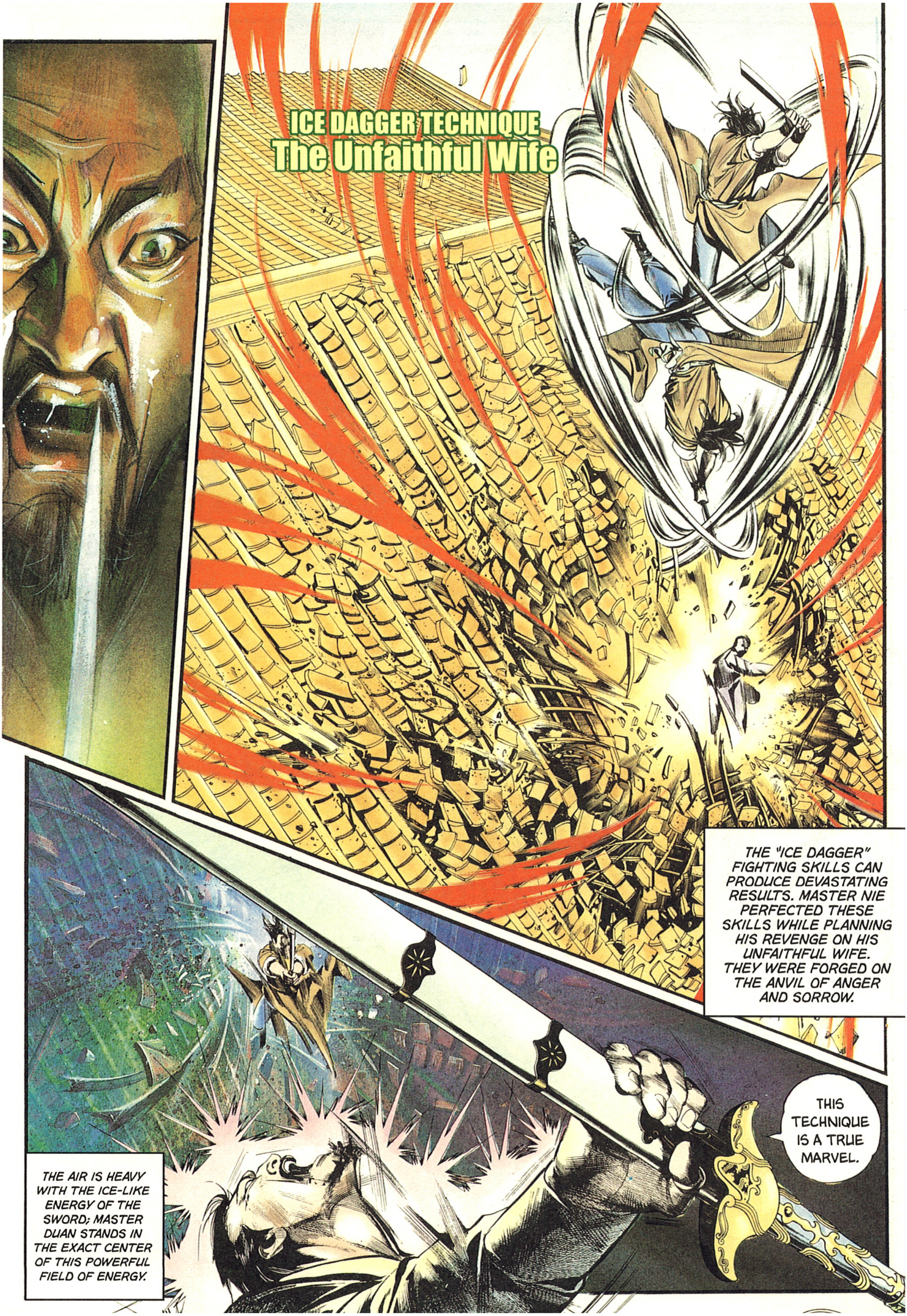

DESPITE THE POWERFUL ATTACK, MASTER DUAN SEEMS INDIFFERENT AND CAREFREE.
FWWOOSH
ASTONISHED, MASTER NIE STOPS DEAD IN HIS TRACKS... HIS ATTACK SEEMED SO UNSTOPPABLE... LIKE THE WIND BLOWING THROUGH A FOREST OF BAMBOO.
HOW COME YOU DIDN'T USE YOUR WEAPON?
HELL'S FIRE! I COULD HAVE KILLED YOU JUST THEN. DON'T YOU CARE?
YOUR KNIFE CANNOT HOPE TO WIN AGAINST MY FLAME KYLIN SWORD!

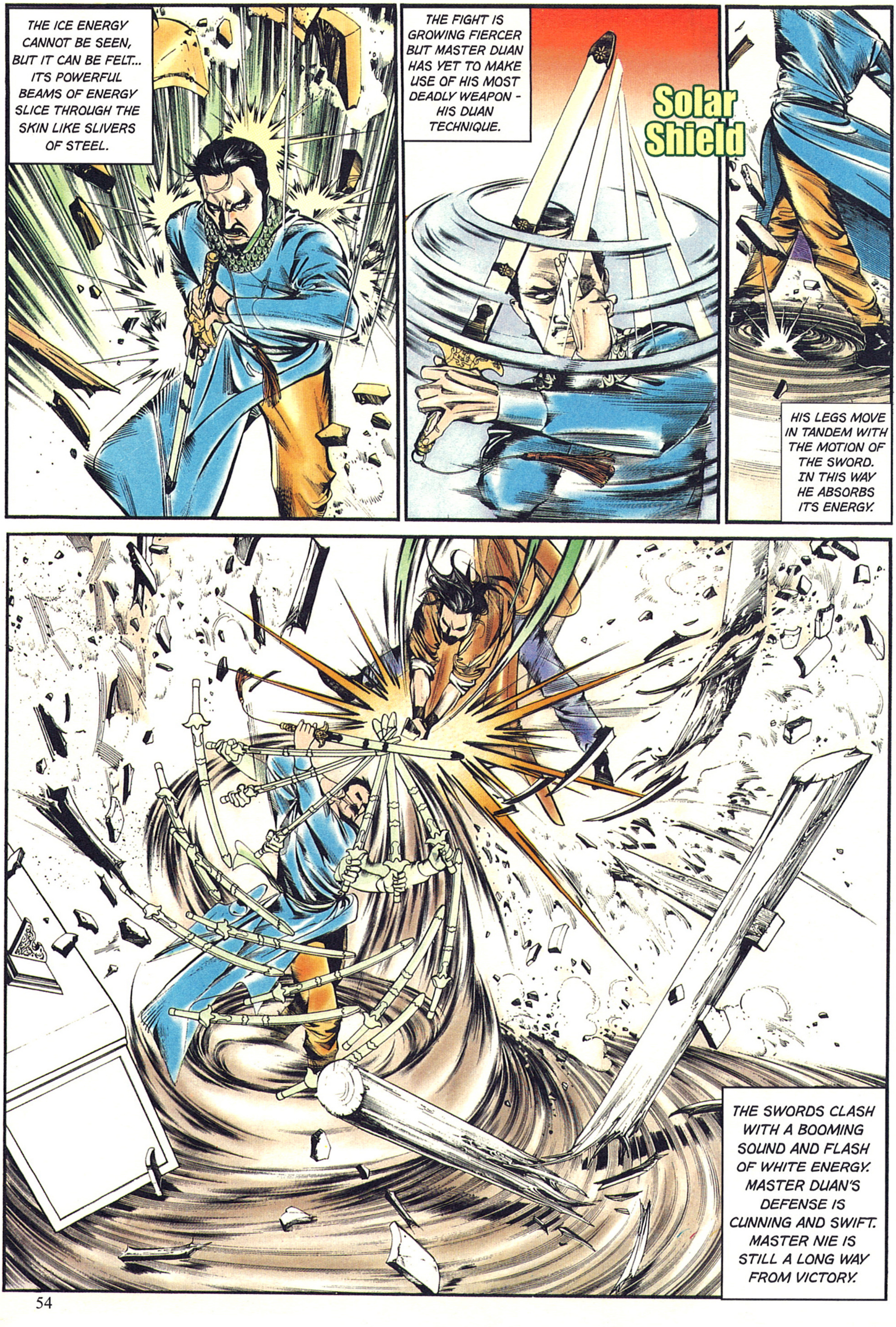

YOU LOOKED UNSTOPPABLE, BUT YOU WERE HOLDING BACK... PRESERVING YOUR ENERGY. IN A PROTRACTED FIGHT YOU WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE.
EXCELLENT OBSERVATION!
I TRAVELED LONG AND HARD TO GET TO THIS PLACE. BUT THE JOURNEY WAS WORTH IT. I FOUND YOU!
BOTH OF US ARE UNBEATABLE IN THE TERRITORIES WE CONTROL. WE MUST FIGHT! IT IS OUR DESTINY! I DON'T MIND DYING IN THIS BATTLE!
FINE, WHAT DO YOU WANT THEN?
ONE THING HAS TO BE SETTLED FIRST.

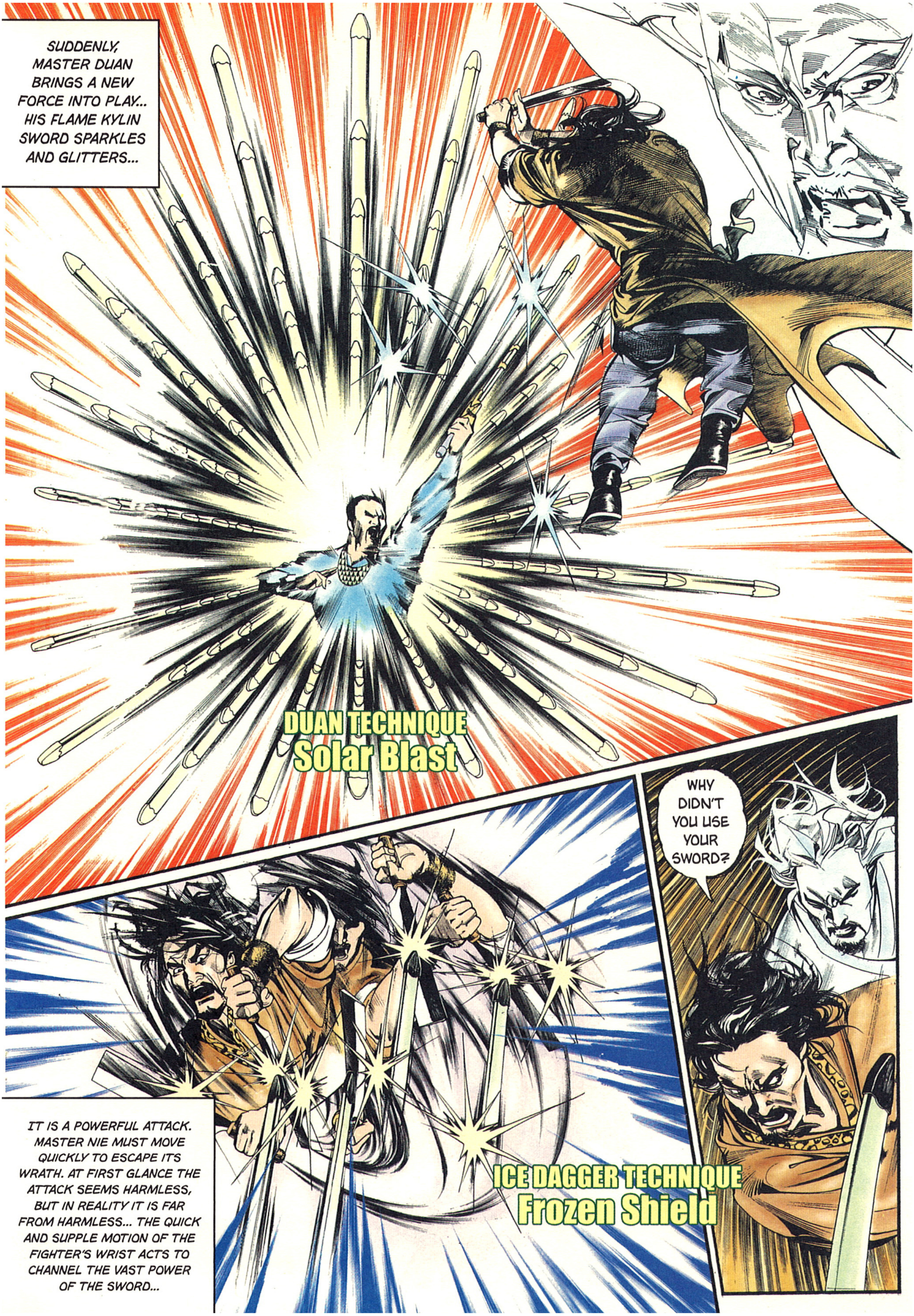

THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THIS FIGHT WAS SETTLED LONG AGO, WHY DID YOU WAIT UNTIL NOW...? THIS IS HARDLY THE TIME TO DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS.
WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, BUT THIS CONCERNS MY ONLY SON DUAN-LANG... IF I DIE TODAY I WANT YOU TO TEACH HIM THE ART OF KUNG-FU, TO BE HIS GUIDE IN LIFE...
ALL RIGHT!!
BUT IF YOU DIE, YES, I WILL LOOK AFTER YOUR SON. I WILL BE HIS GUIDE IN LIFE.
AND IF I DIE, MY OWN SON WILL TAKE OVER WHERE I LEFT OFF. HE WILL ONLY HAVE ONE AIM IN LIFE... KILLING YOU.
MASTER NIE GATHERS ALL HIS STRENGTH TOGETHER AND LAUNCHES HIS ATTACK USING THE FROZEN FIST FROM THE "ICE DAGGER" FIGHTING TECHNIQUE.
ICE DAGGER TECHNIQUE
Frozen Fist

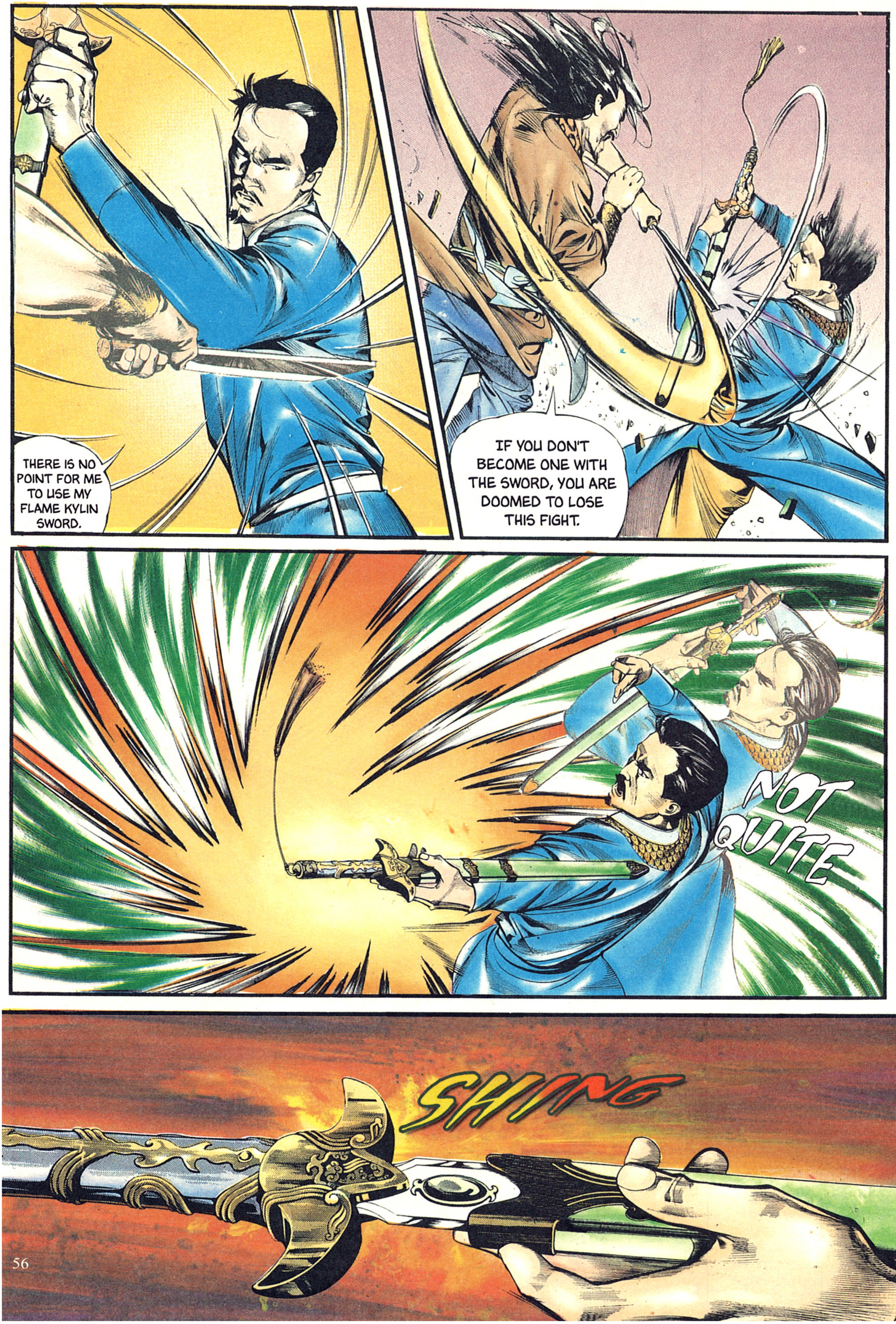

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR SNOWY SABER?
MASTER NIE SWINGS HIS KNIFE, THE ACTION TRIGGERS AN ICY BLAST OF ENERGY THAT SPLINTERS THE BAMBOO CHAIR INTO A THOUSAND PIECES.
NO NEED TO USE MY SNOWY SABER ON A PUSHOVER LIKE YOU.
MASTER DUAN RETREATS SWIFTLY. MASTER NIE ADVANCES SLOWLY... HE LOOKS DETERMINED.
YOU'RE OUT OF CONTROL!

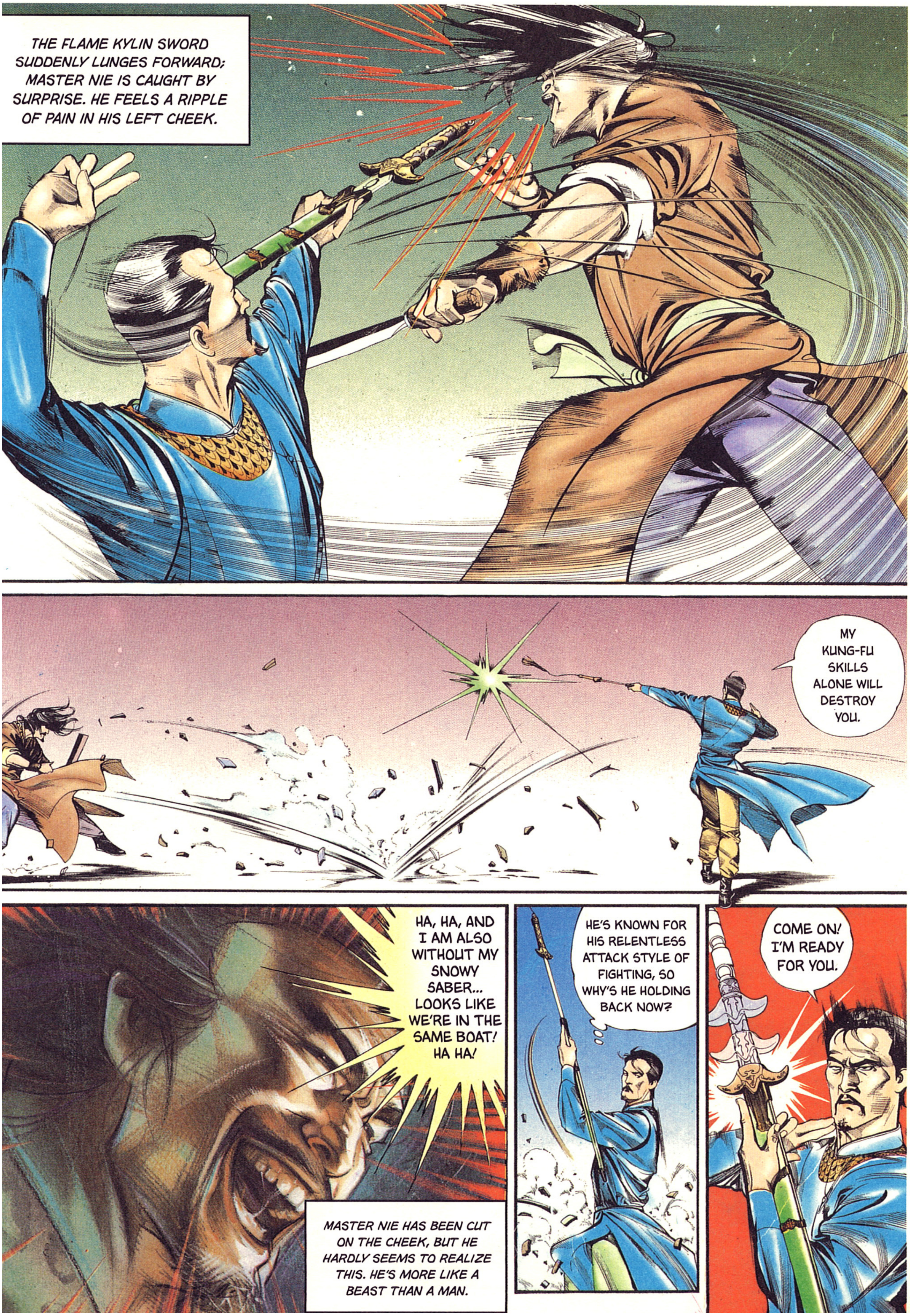

Heritage of the Duan Family
THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD
MASTER DUAN SLIPS INSIDE THE HOUSE. MASTER NIE JUMPS ONTO THE ROOF. HE IS FOCUSING HIS ENERGY, READY TO STRIKE...

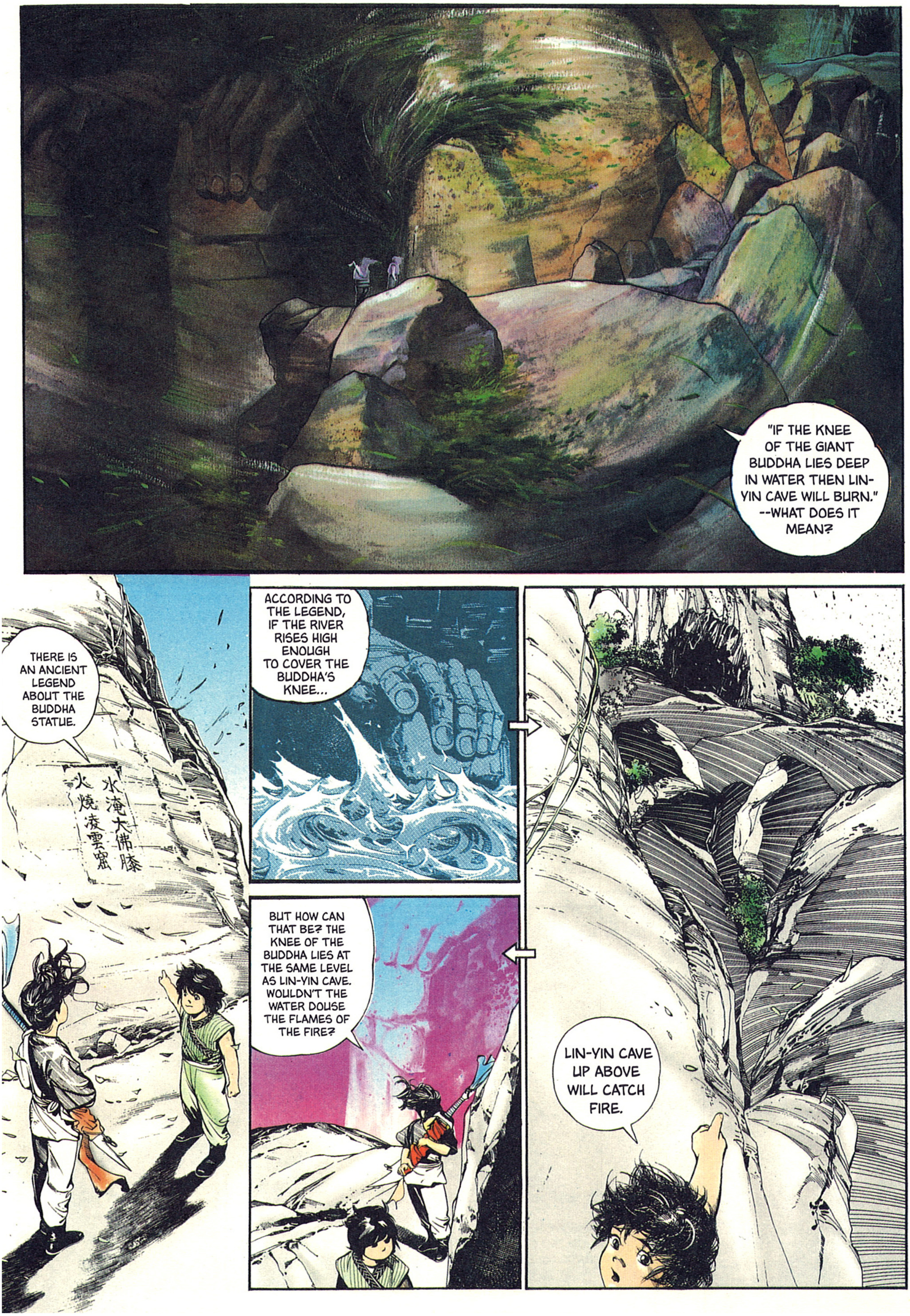

ICE DAGGER TECHNIQUE
The Unfaithful Wife
THE "ICE DAGGER" FIGHTING SKILLS CAN PRODUCE DEVASTATING RESULTS. MASTER NIE PERFECTED THESE SKILLS WHILE PLANNING HIS REVENGE ON HIS UNFAITHFUL WIFE. THEY WERE FORGED ON THE ANVIL OF ANGER AND SORROW.
THIS TECHNIQUE IS A TRUE MARVEL.
THE AIR IS HEAVY WITH THE ICE-LIKE ENERGY OF THE SWORD; MASTER DUAN STANDS IN THE EXACT CENTER OF THIS POWERFUL FIELD OF ENERGY.

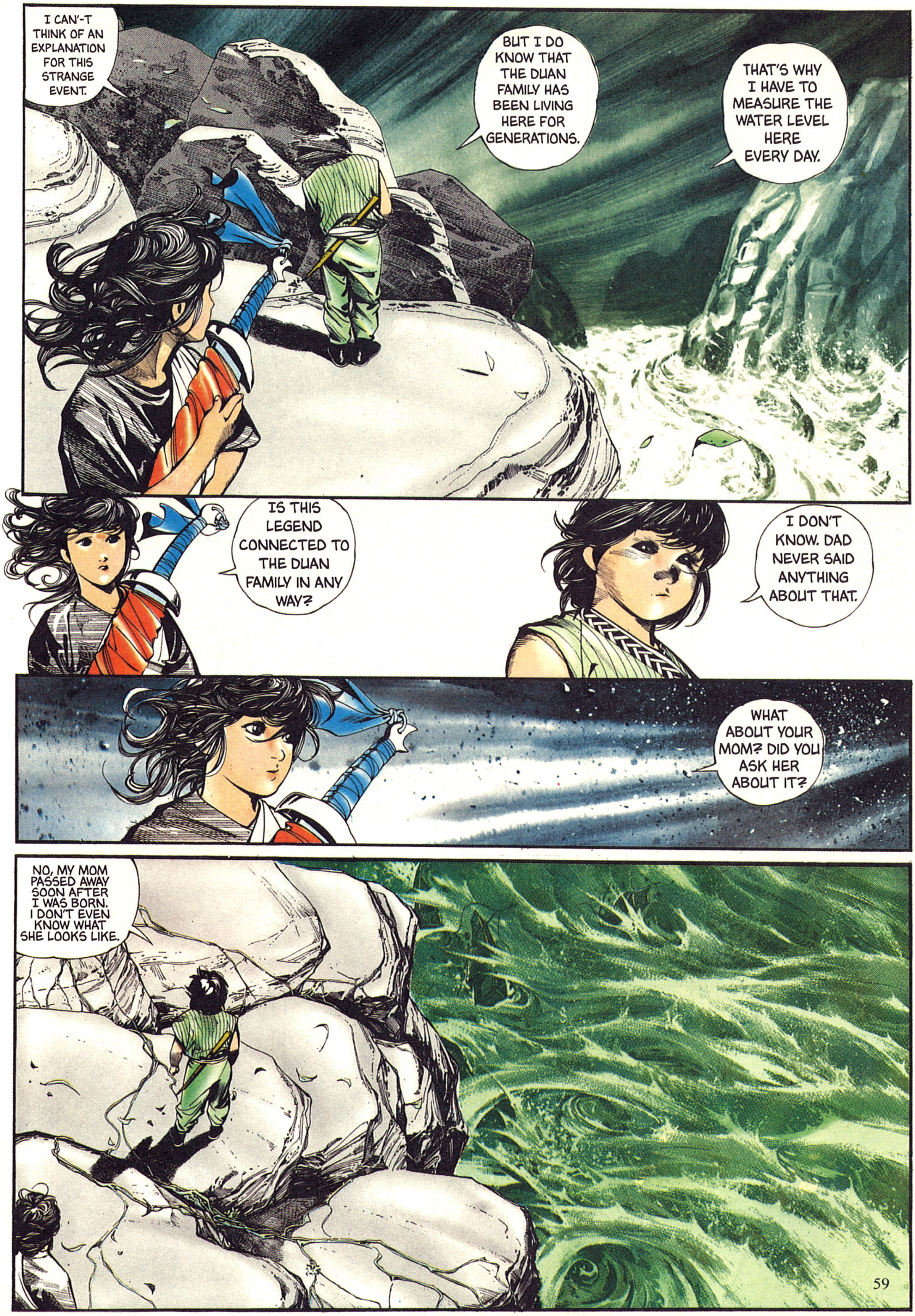

THE ICE ENERGY CANNOT BE SEEN, BUT IT CAN BE FELT... ITS POWERFUL BEAMS OF ENERGY SLICE THROUGH THE SKIN LIKE SLIVERS OF STEEL.
THE FIGHT IS GROWING FIERCER BUT MASTER DUAN HAS YET TO MAKE USE OF HIS MOST DEADLY WEAPON - HIS DUAN TECHNIQUE.
Solar Shield
HIS LEGS MOVE IN TANDEM WITH THE MOTION OF THE SWORD. IN THIS WAY HE ABSORBS ITS ENERGY.
THE SWORDS CLASH WITH A BOOMING SOUND AND FLASH OF WHITE ENERGY. MASTER DUAN'S DEFENSE IS CUNNING AND SWIFT. MASTER NIE IS STILL A LONG WAY FROM VICTORY.

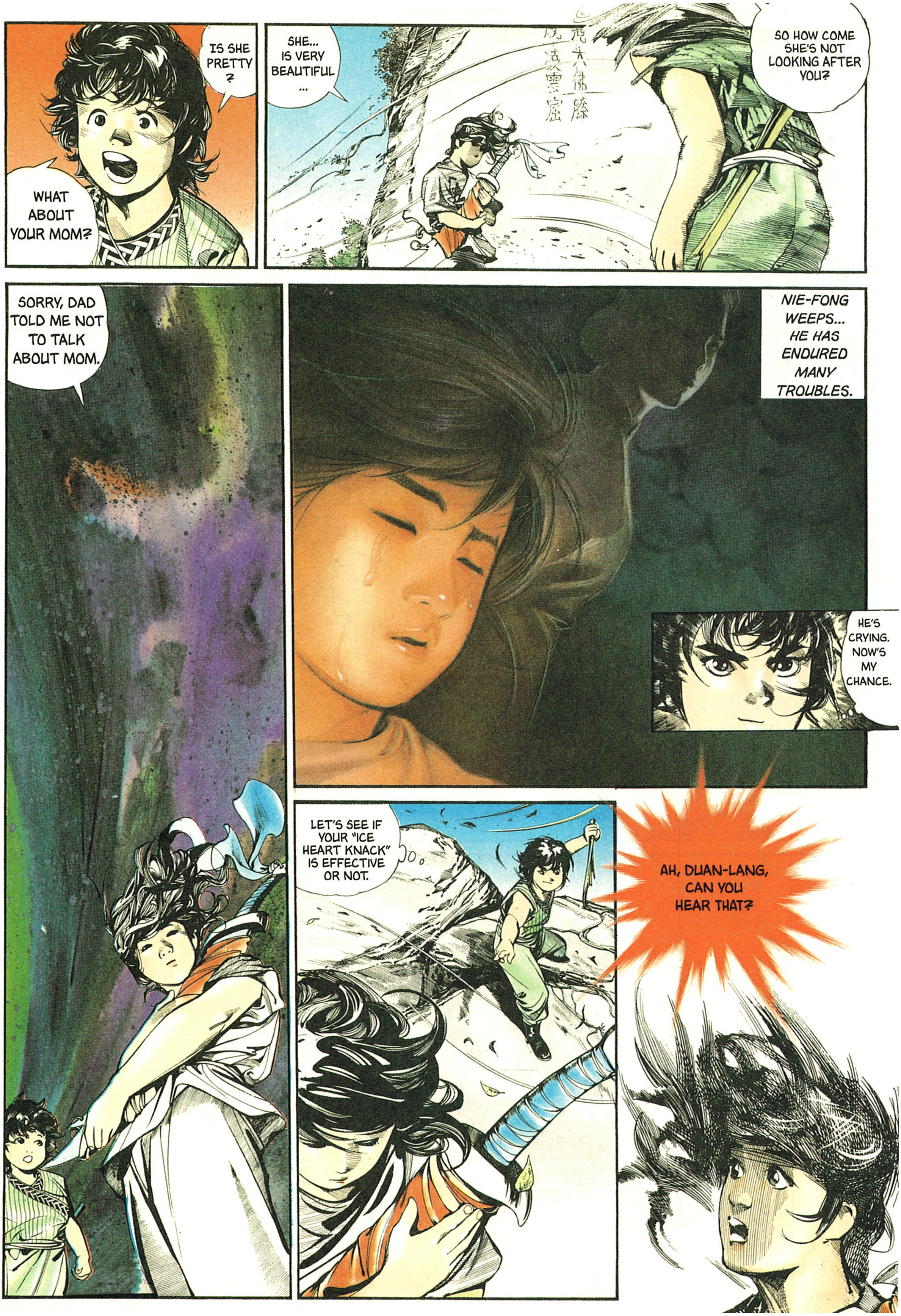

SUDDENLY, MASTER DUAN BRINGS A NEW FORCE INTO PLAY... HIS FLAME KYLIN SWORD SPARKLES AND GLITTERS...
DUAN TECHNIQUE Solar Blast
WHY DIDN'T YOU USE YOUR SWORD?
IT IS A POWERFUL ATTACK. MASTER NIE MUST MOVE QUICKLY TO ESCAPE ITS WRATH. AT FIRST GLANCE THE ATTACK SEEMS HARMLESS, BUT IN REALITY IT IS FAR FROM HARMLESS... THE QUICK AND SUPPLE MOTION OF THE FIGHTER'S WRIST ACTS TO CHANNEL THE VAST POWER OF THE SWORD...
ICE DAGGER TECHNIQUE Frozen Shield

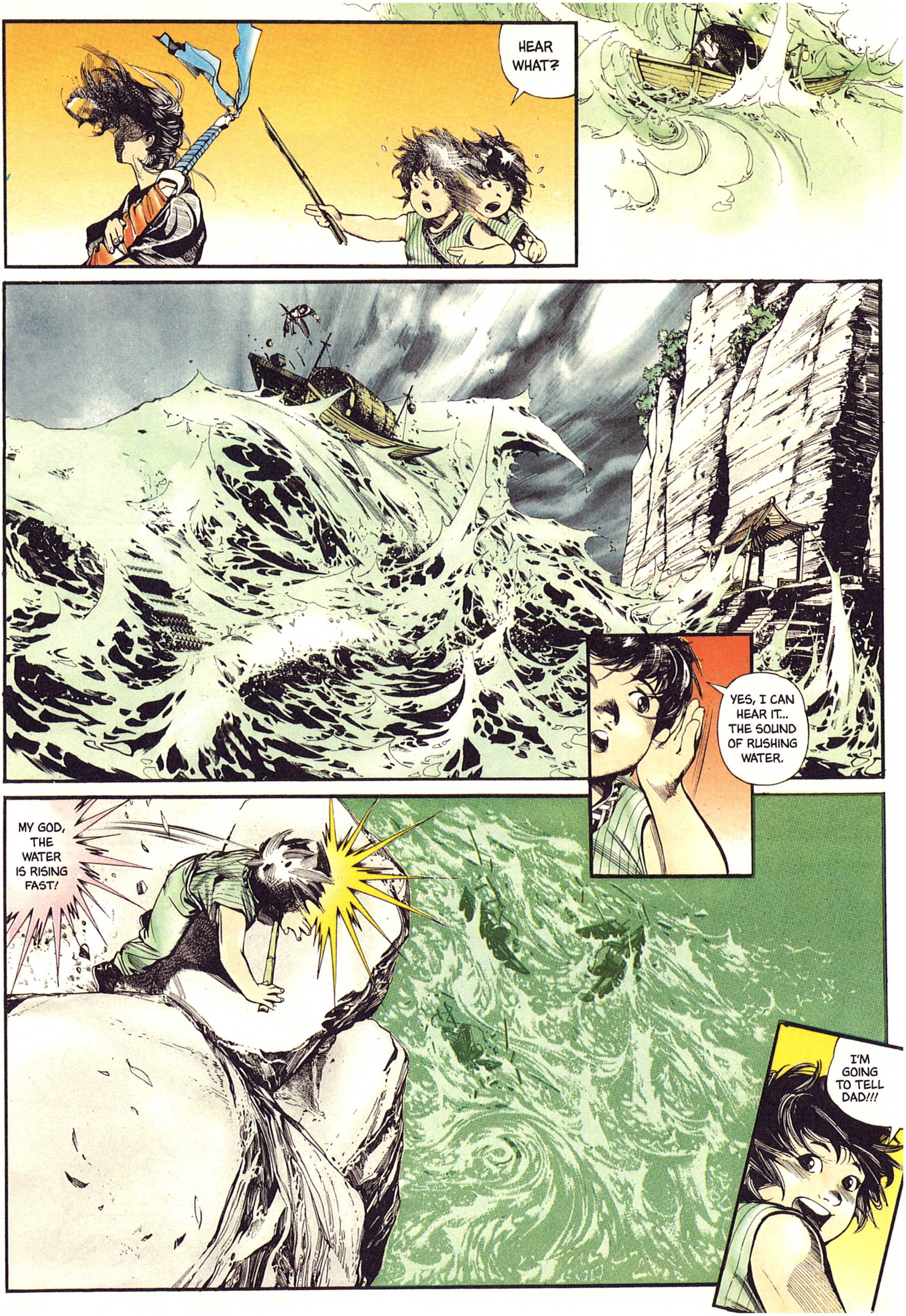

THERE IS NO POINT FOR ME TO USE MY FLAME KYLIN SWORD.
IF YOU DON'T BECOME ONE WITH THE SWORD, YOU ARE DOOMED TO LOSE THIS FIGHT.
NOT QUITE
SHING

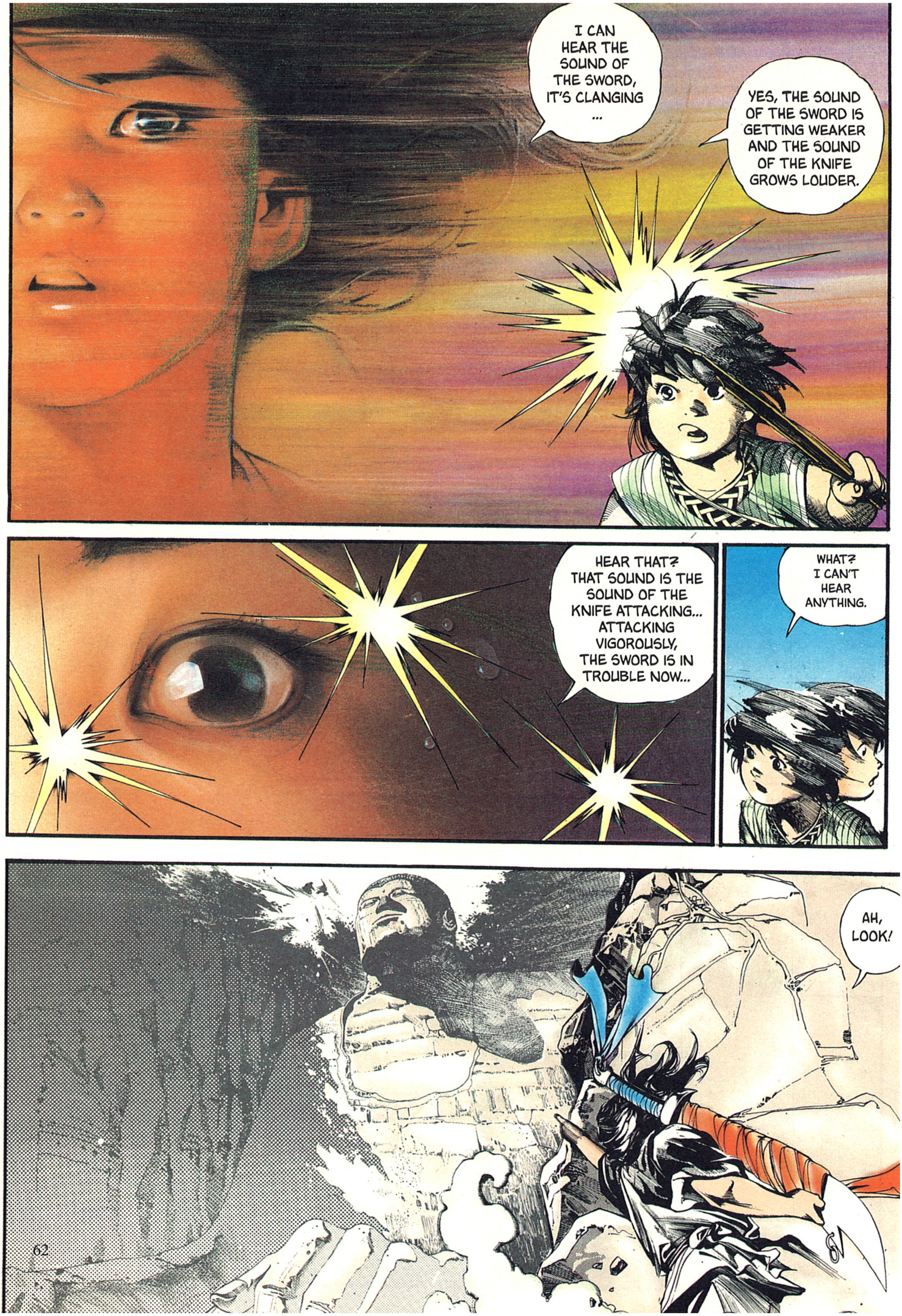

THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD SUDDENLY LUNGES FORWARD; MASTER NIE IS CAUGHT BY SURPRISE. HE FEELS A RIPPLE OF PAIN IN HIS LEFT CHEEK.
MY KUNG-FU SKILLS ALONE WILL DESTROY YOU.
HA, HA, AND I AM ALSO WITHOUT MY SNOWY SABER... LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN THE SAME BOAT! HA HA!
MASTER NIE HAS BEEN CUT ON THE CHEEK, BUT HE HARDLY SEEMS TO REALIZE THIS. HE'S MORE LIKE A BEAST THAN A MAN.
HE'S KNOWN FOR HIS RELENTLESS ATTACK STYLE OF FIGHTING, SO WHY'S HE HOLDING BACK NOW?
COME ON! I'M READY FOR YOU.

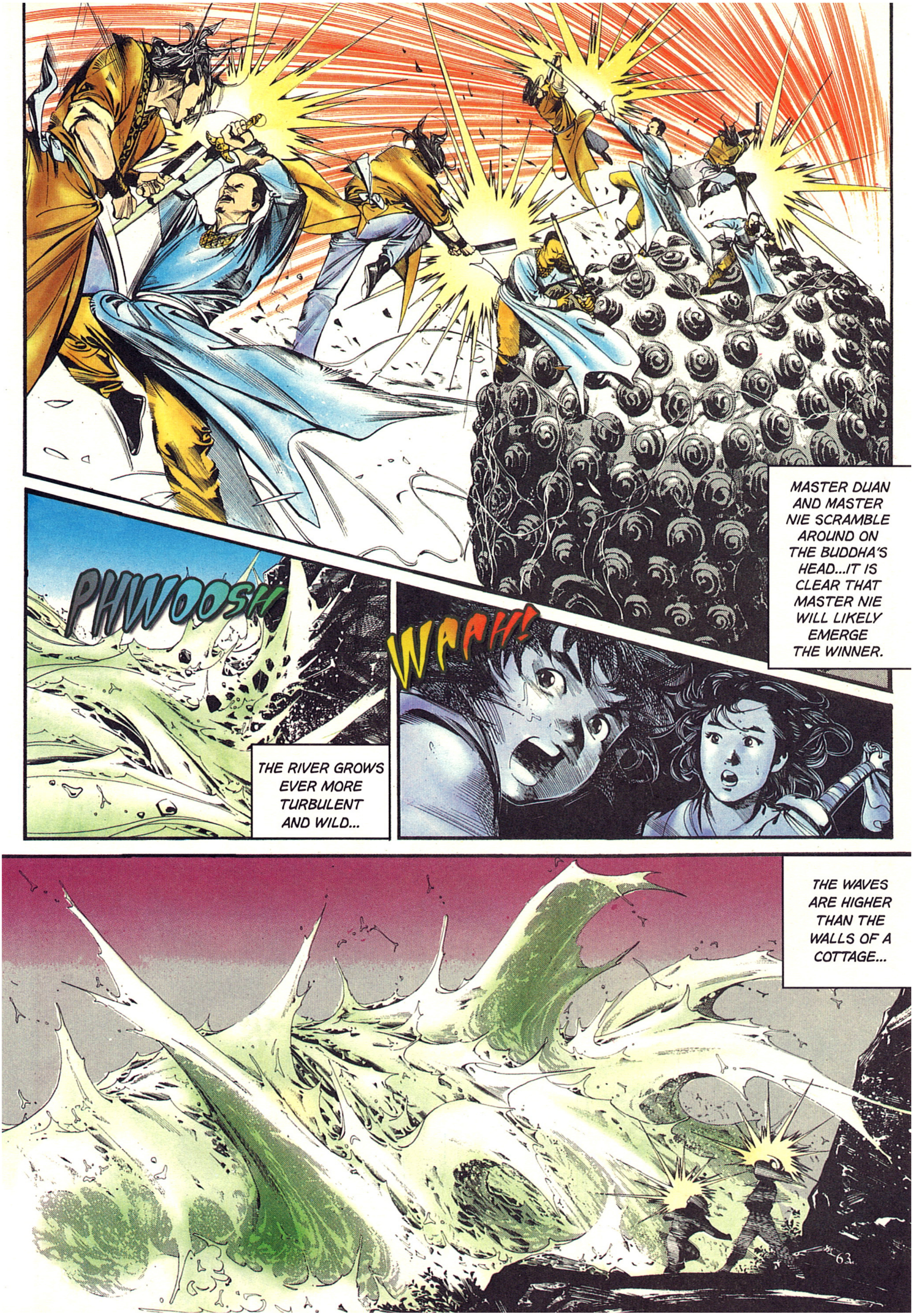

"IF THE KNEE OF THE GIANT BUDDHA LIES DEEP IN WATER THEN LIN-YIN CAVE WILL BURN." --WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
THERE IS AN ANCIENT LEGEND ABOUT THE BUDDHA STATUE.
水淹大佛膝
火燒凌雲窟
ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, IF THE RIVER RISES HIGH ENOUGH TO COVER THE BUDDHA'S KNEE...
LIN-YIN CAVE UP ABOVE WILL CATCH FIRE.
BUT HOW CAN THAT BE? THE KNEE OF THE BUDDHA LIES AT THE SAME LEVEL AS LIN-YIN CAVE. WOULDN'T THE WATER DOUSE THE FLAMES OF THE FIRE?

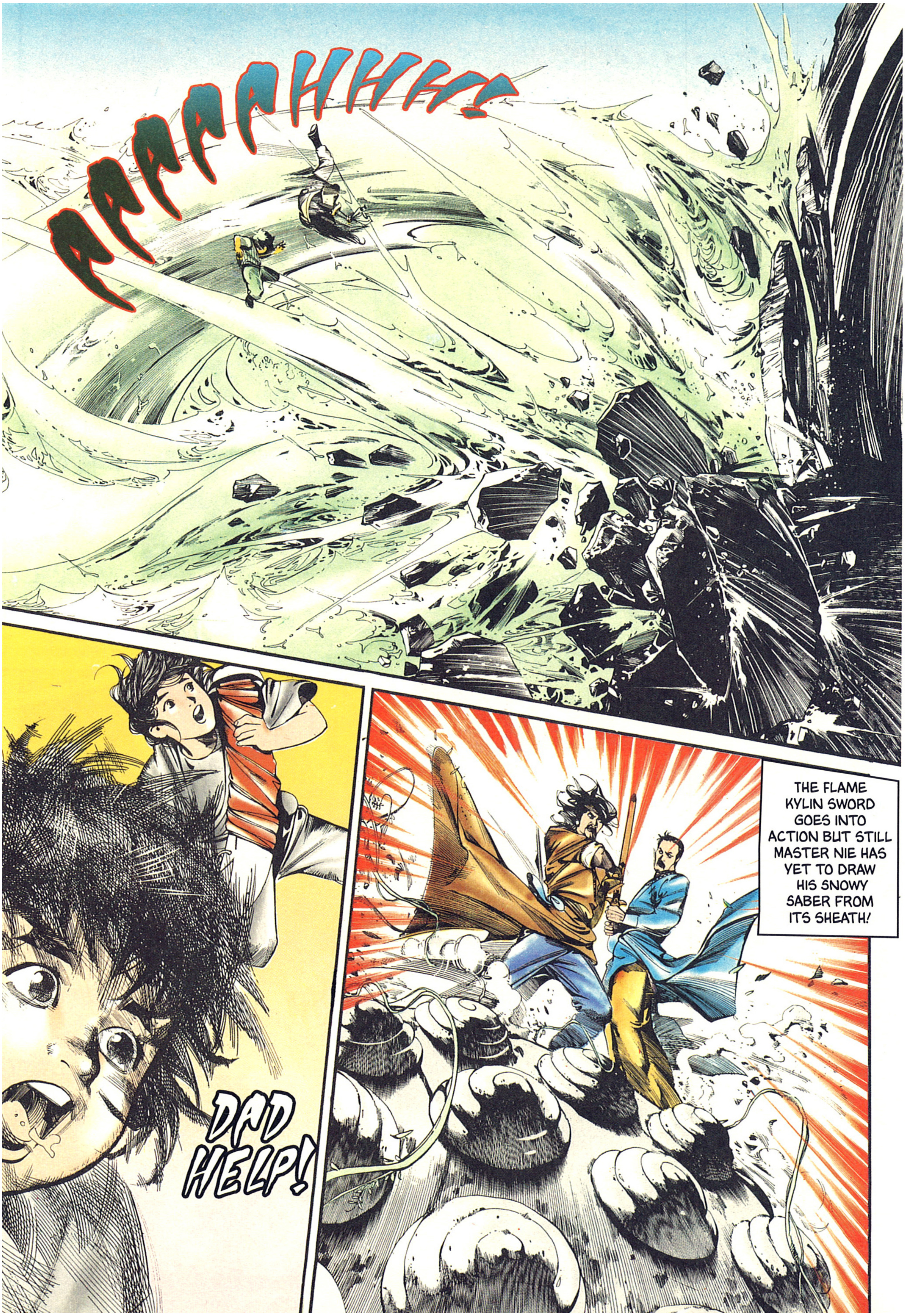

I CAN'-T THINK OF AN EXPLANATION FOR THIS STRANGE EVENT.
BUT I DO KNOW THAT THE DUAN FAMILY HAS BEEN LIVING HERE FOR GENERATIONS.
THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO MEASURE THE WATER LEVEL HERE EVERY DAY.
IS THIS LEGEND CONNECTED TO THE DUAN FAMILY IN ANY WAY?
I DON'T KNOW. DAD NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR MOM? DID YOU ASK HER ABOUT IT?
NO, MY MOM PASSED AWAY SOON AFTER I WAS BORN. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE.

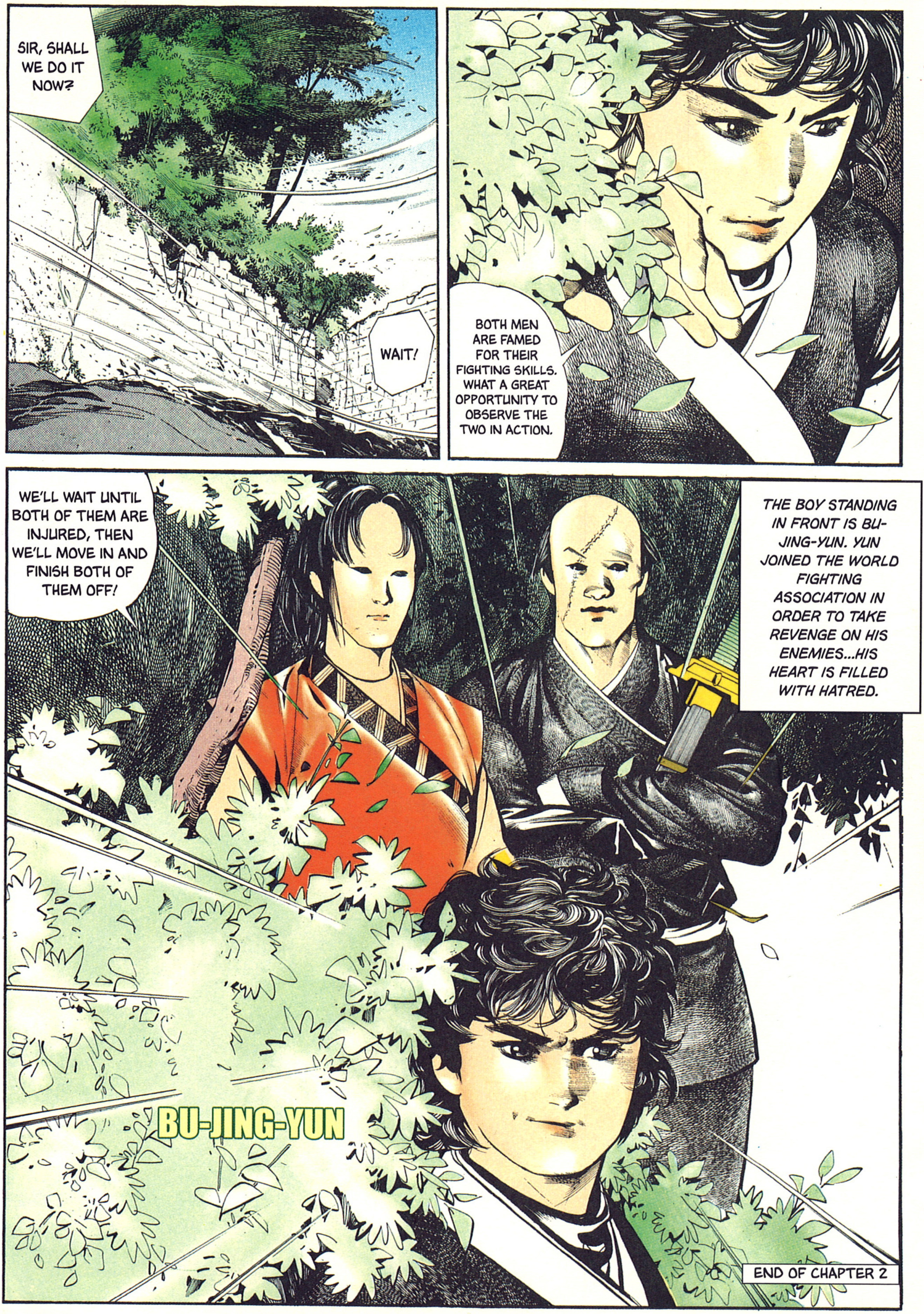

IS SHE PRETTY?
WHAT ABOUT YOUR MOM?
SHE... IS VERY BEAUTIFUL...
SO HOW COME SHE'S NOT LOOKING AFTER YOU?
SORRY, DAD TOLD ME NOT TO TALK ABOUT MOM.
NIE-FONG WEEPS... HE HAS ENDURED MANY TROUBLES.
HE'S CRYING. NOW'S MY CHANCE.
LET'S SEE IF YOUR "ICE HEART KNACK" IS EFFECTIVE OR NOT.
AH, DUAN-LANG, CAN YOU HEAR THAT?


HEAR WHAT?
YES, I CAN HEAR IT... THE SOUND OF RUSHING WATER.
MY GOD, THE WATER IS RISING FAST!
I'M GOING TO TELL DAD!!!


I CAN HEAR THE SOUND OF THE SWORD, IT'S CLANGING ...
YES, THE SOUND OF THE SWORD IS GETTING WEAKER AND THE SOUND OF THE KNIFE GROWS LOUDER.
HEAR THAT? THAT SOUND IS THE SOUND OF THE KNIFE ATTACKING... ATTACKING VIGOROUSLY, THE SWORD IS IN TROUBLE NOW...
WHAT? I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING.
AH, LOOK!


MASTER DUAN AND MASTER NIE SCRAMBLE AROUND ON THE BUDDHA'S HEAD...IT IS CLEAR THAT MASTER NIE WILL LIKELY EMERGE THE WINNER.
PHWOOSH
THE RIVER GROWS EVER MORE TURBULENT AND WILD...
WAAH!
THE WAVES ARE HIGHER THAN THE WALLS OF A COTTAGE...


AAAAAHHHH!
DAD HELP!
THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD GOES INTO ACTION BUT STILL MASTER NIE HAS YET TO DRAW HIS SNOWY SABER FROM ITS SHEATH!


SIR, SHALL WE DO IT NOW?
WAIT!
BOTH MEN ARE FAMED FOR THEIR FIGHTING SKILLS. WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE THE TWO IN ACTION.
WE'LL WAIT UNTIL BOTH OF THEM ARE INJURED, THEN WE'LL MOVE IN AND FINISH BOTH OF THEM OFF!
THE BOY STANDING IN FRONT IS BU-JING-YUN. YUN JOINED THE WORLD FIGHTING ASSOCIATION IN ORDER TO TAKE REVENGE ON HIS ENEMIES...HIS HEART IS FILLED WITH HATRED.
BU-JING-YUN
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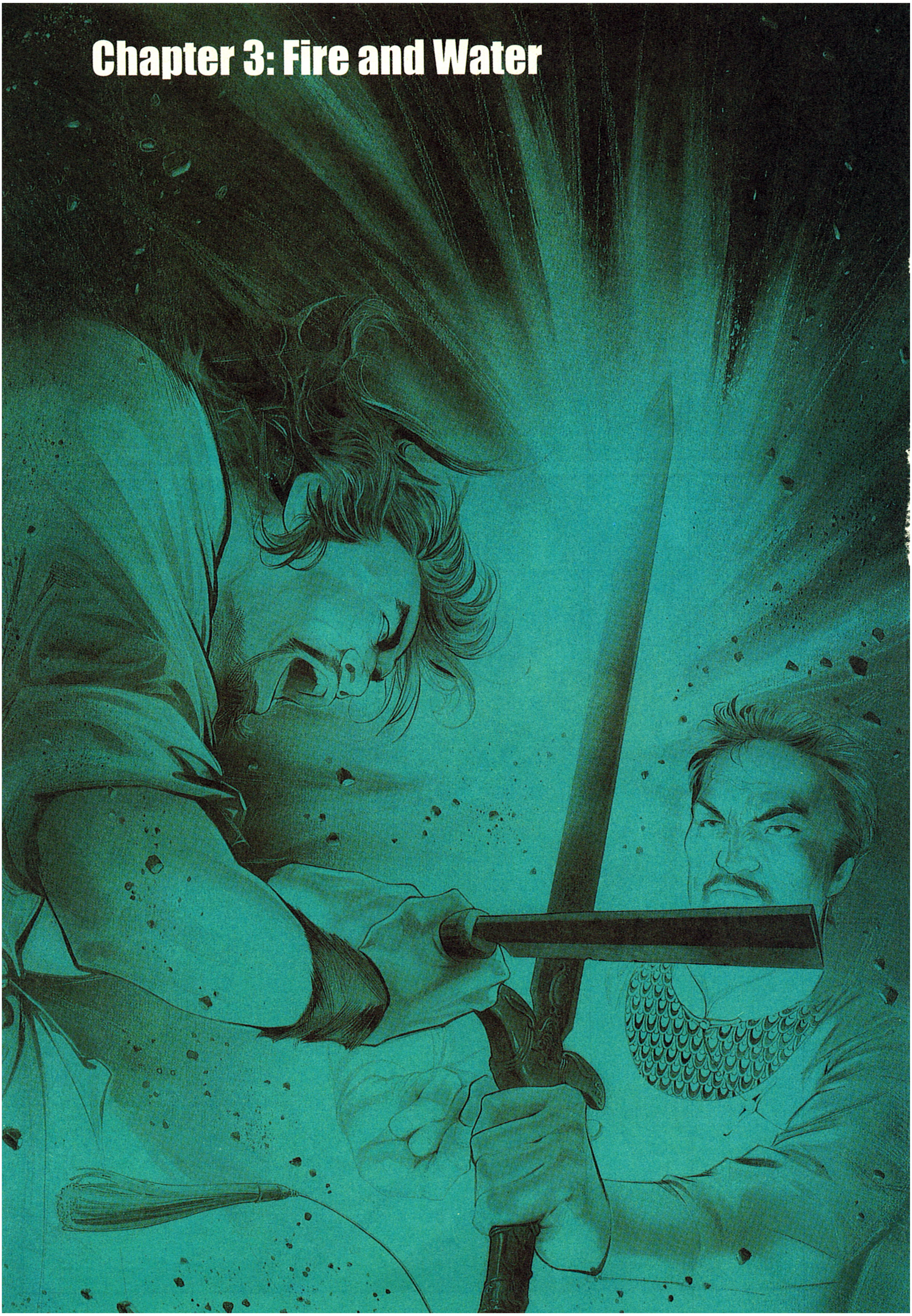
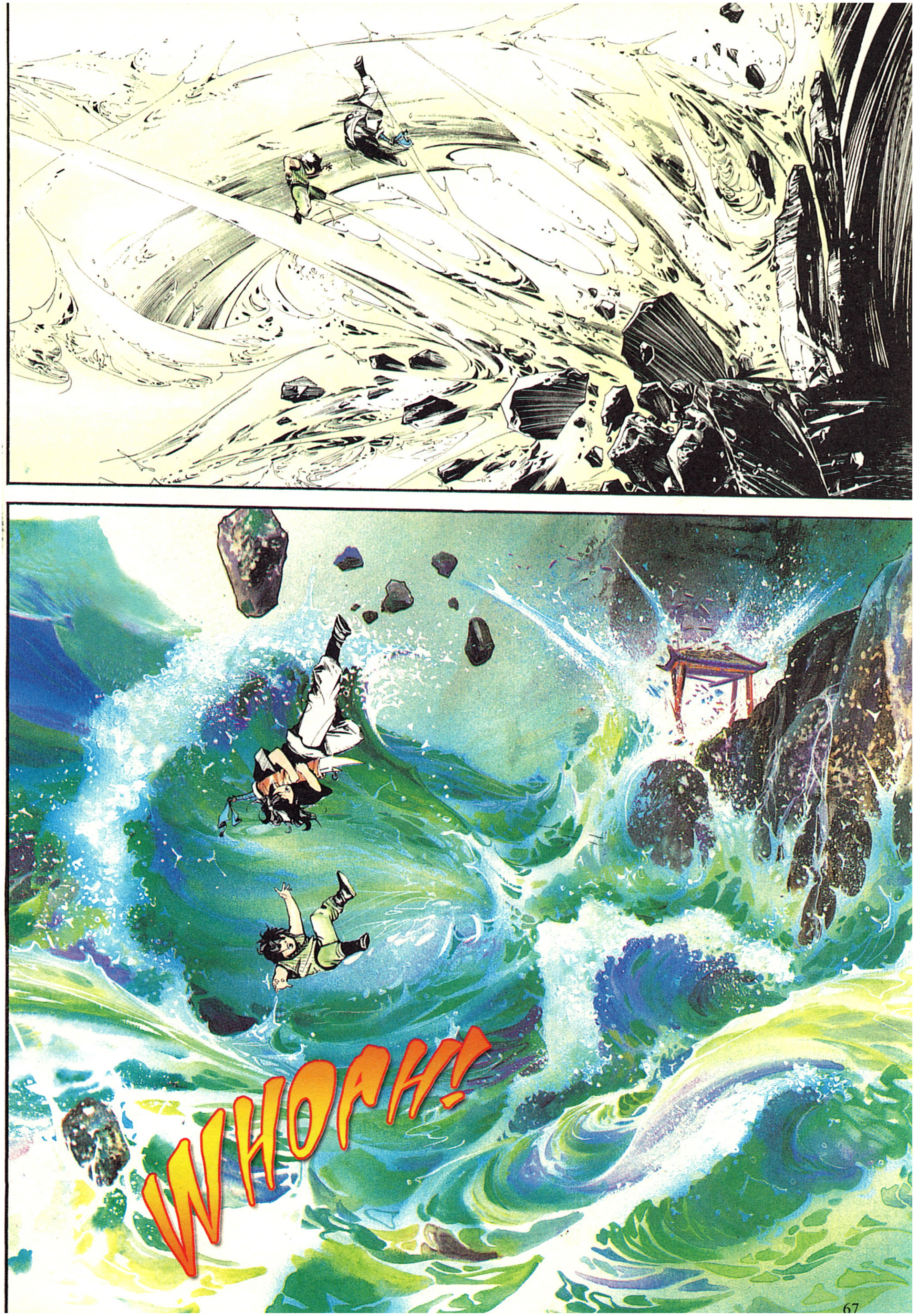
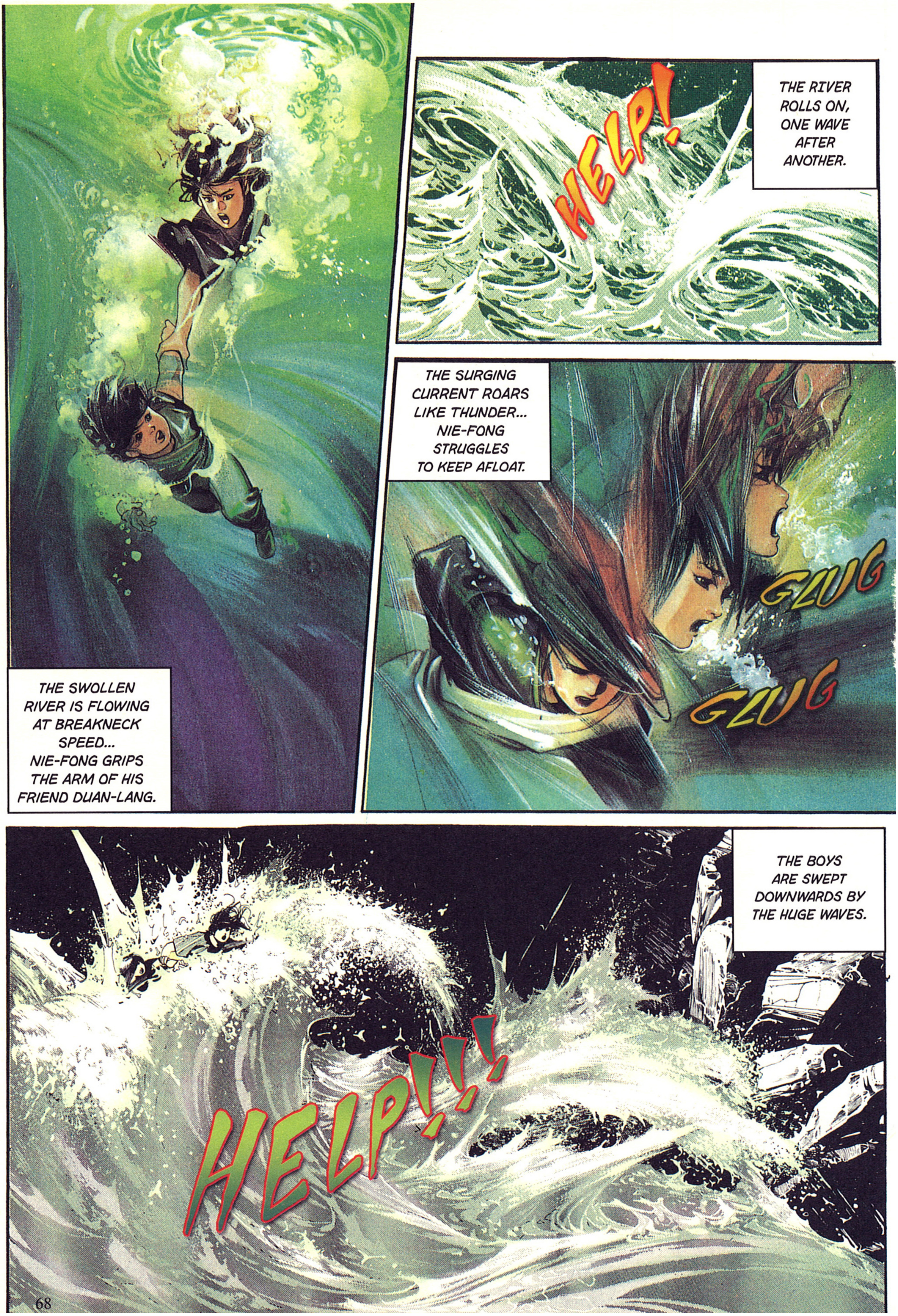
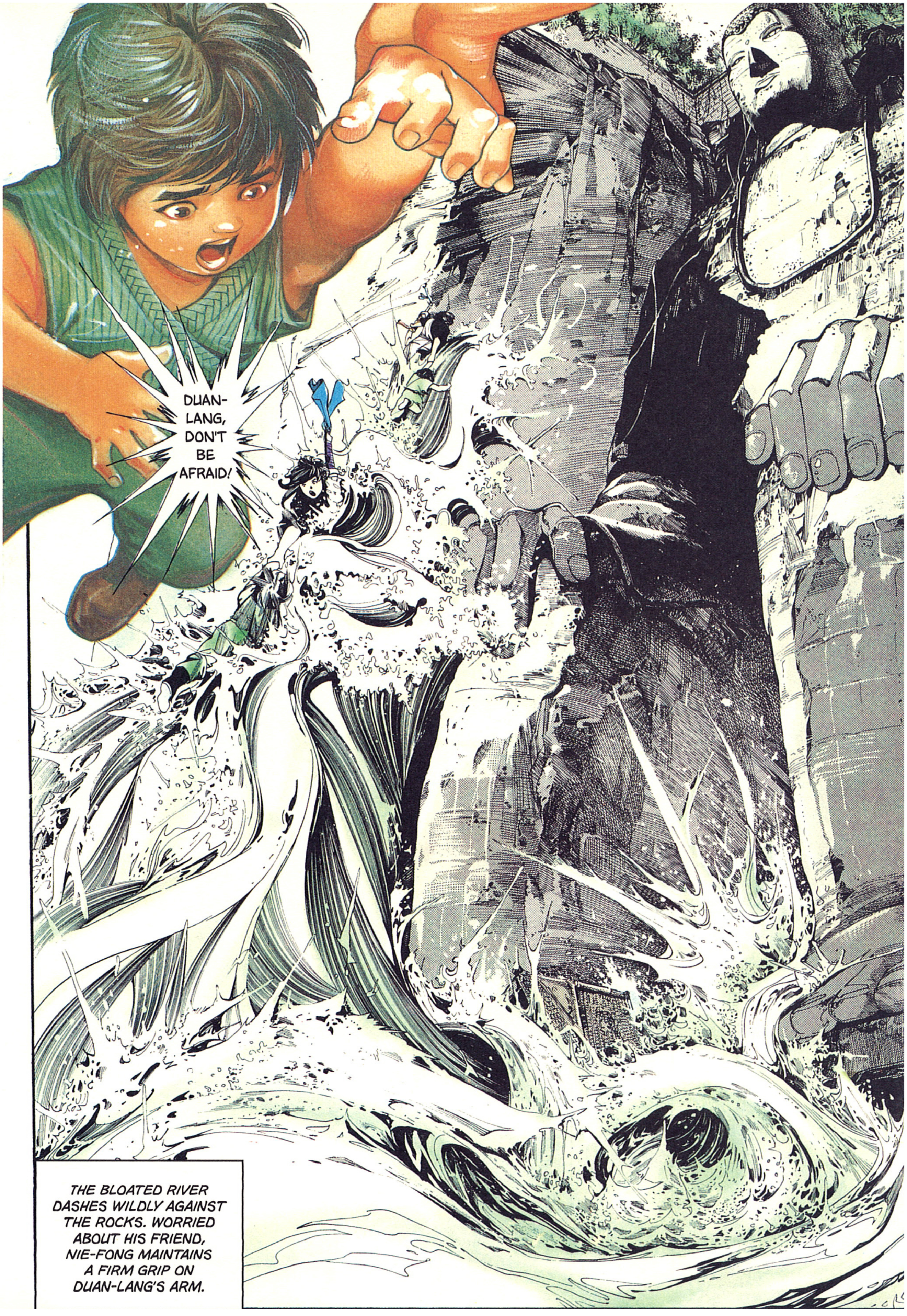
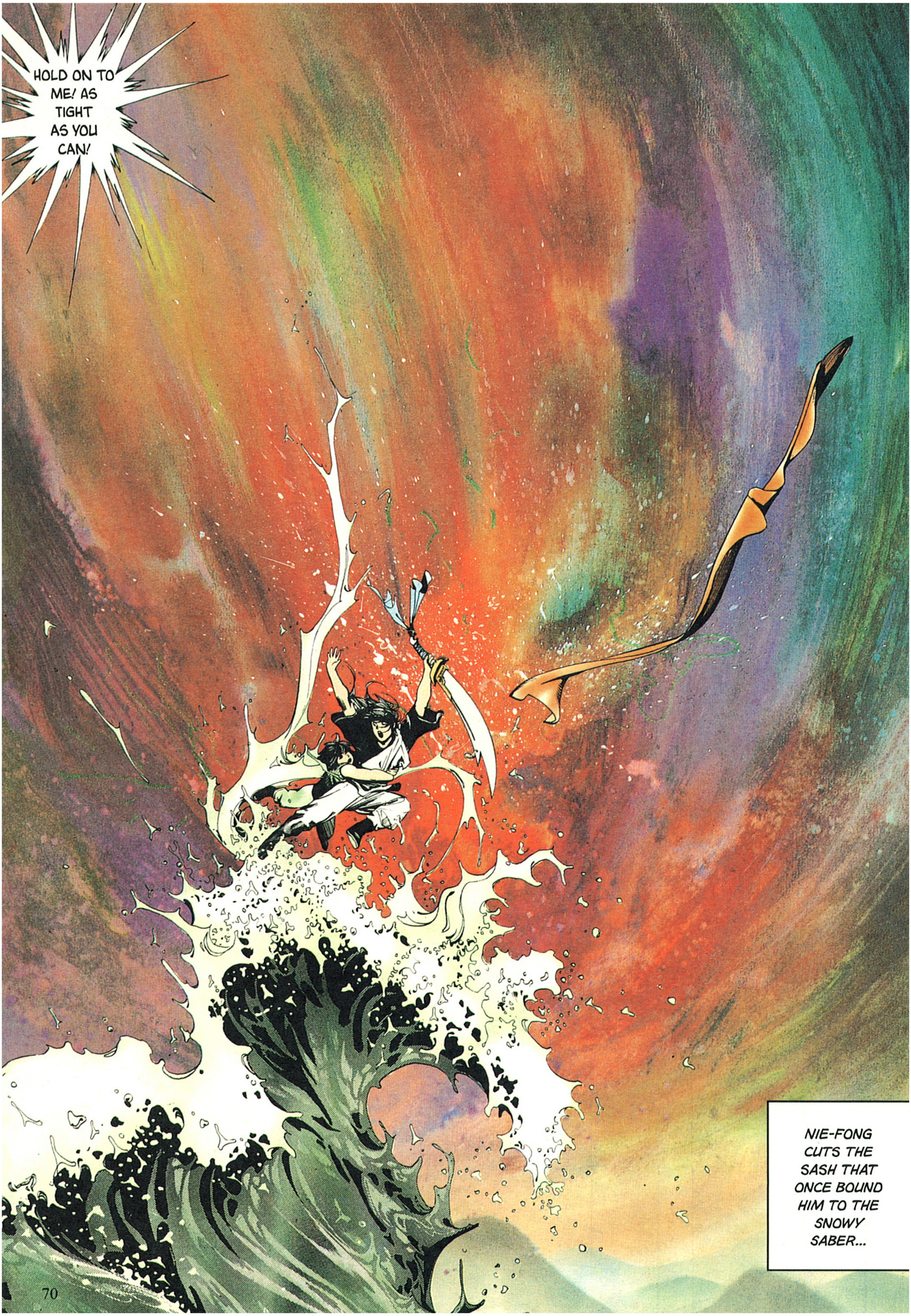
Chapter 3: Fire and Water




WHOAAH!

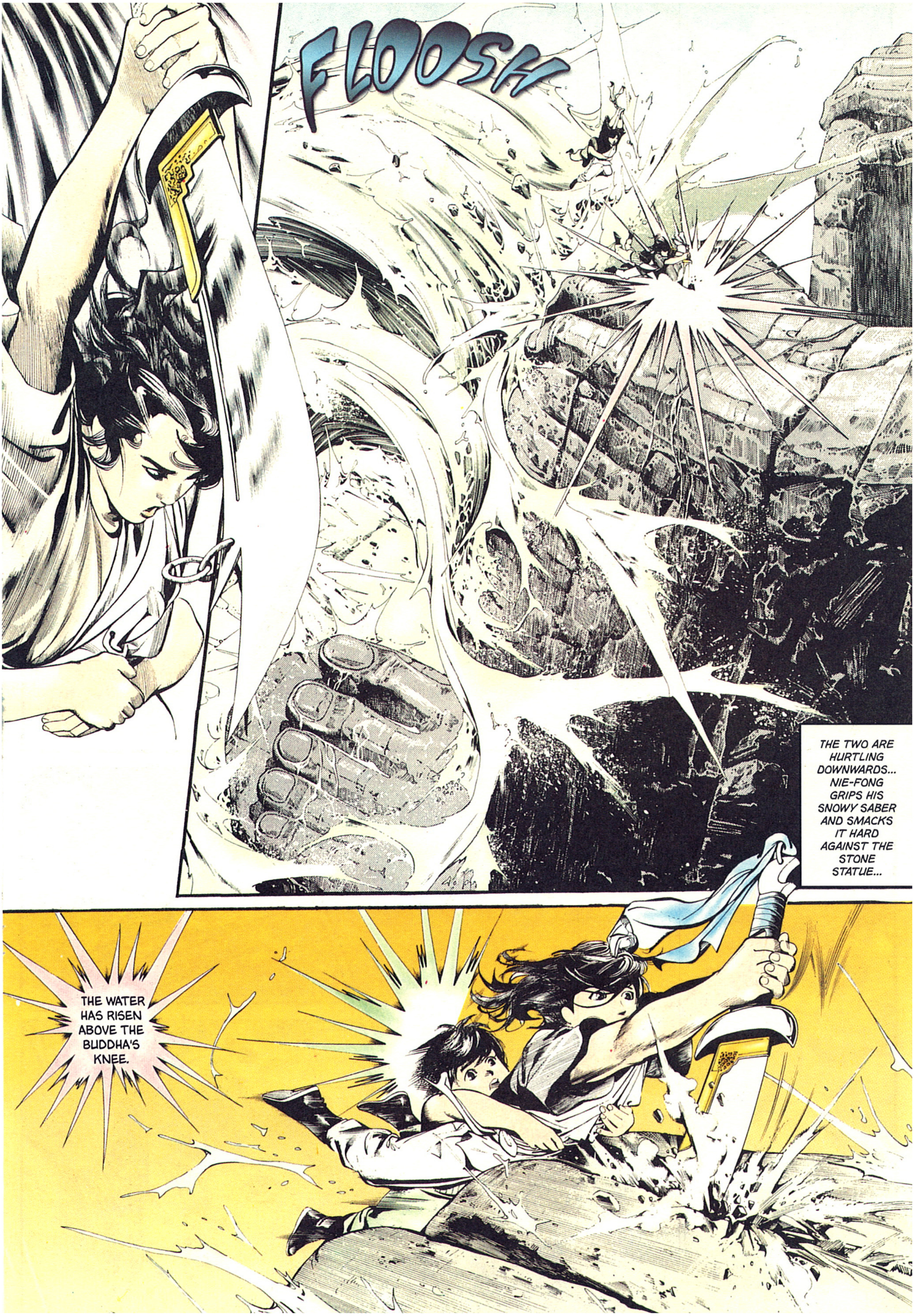

THE SWOLLEN RIVER IS FLOWING AT BREAKNECK SPEED... NIE-FONG GRIPS THE ARM OF HIS FRIEND DUAN-LANG.
HELP!
THE RIVER ROLLS ON, ONE WAVE AFTER ANOTHER.
THE SURGING CURRENT ROARS LIKE THUNDER... NIE-FONG STRUGGLES TO KEEP AFLOAT.
GLUG
GLUG
THE BOYS ARE SWEPT DOWNWARDS BY THE HUGE WAVES.
HELP!!!

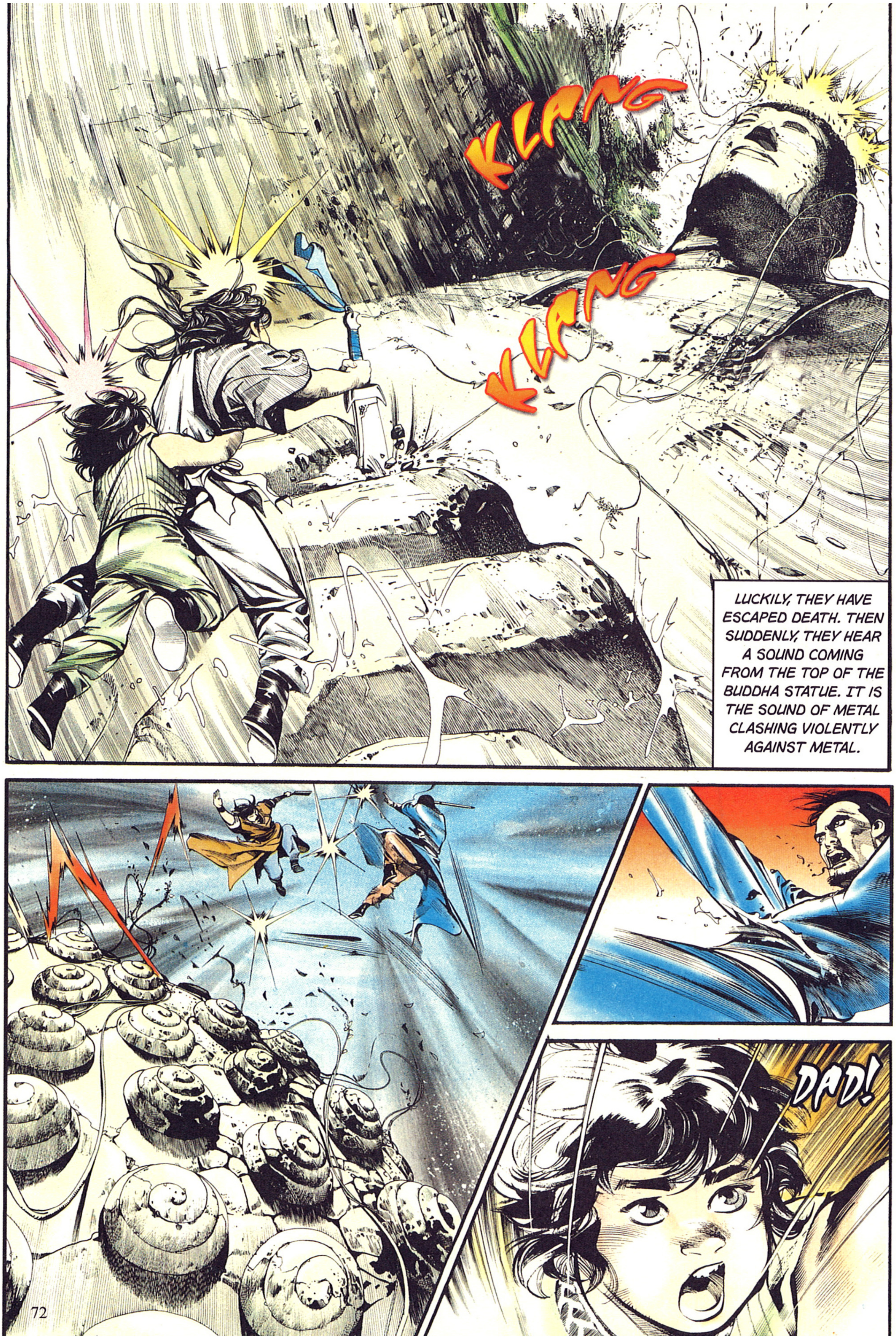

DUAN-LANG, DON'T BE AFRAID!
THE BLOATED RIVER DASHES WILDLY AGAINST THE ROCKS. WORRIED ABOUT HIS FRIEND, NIE-FONG MAINTAINS A FIRM GRIP ON DUAN-LANG'S ARM.

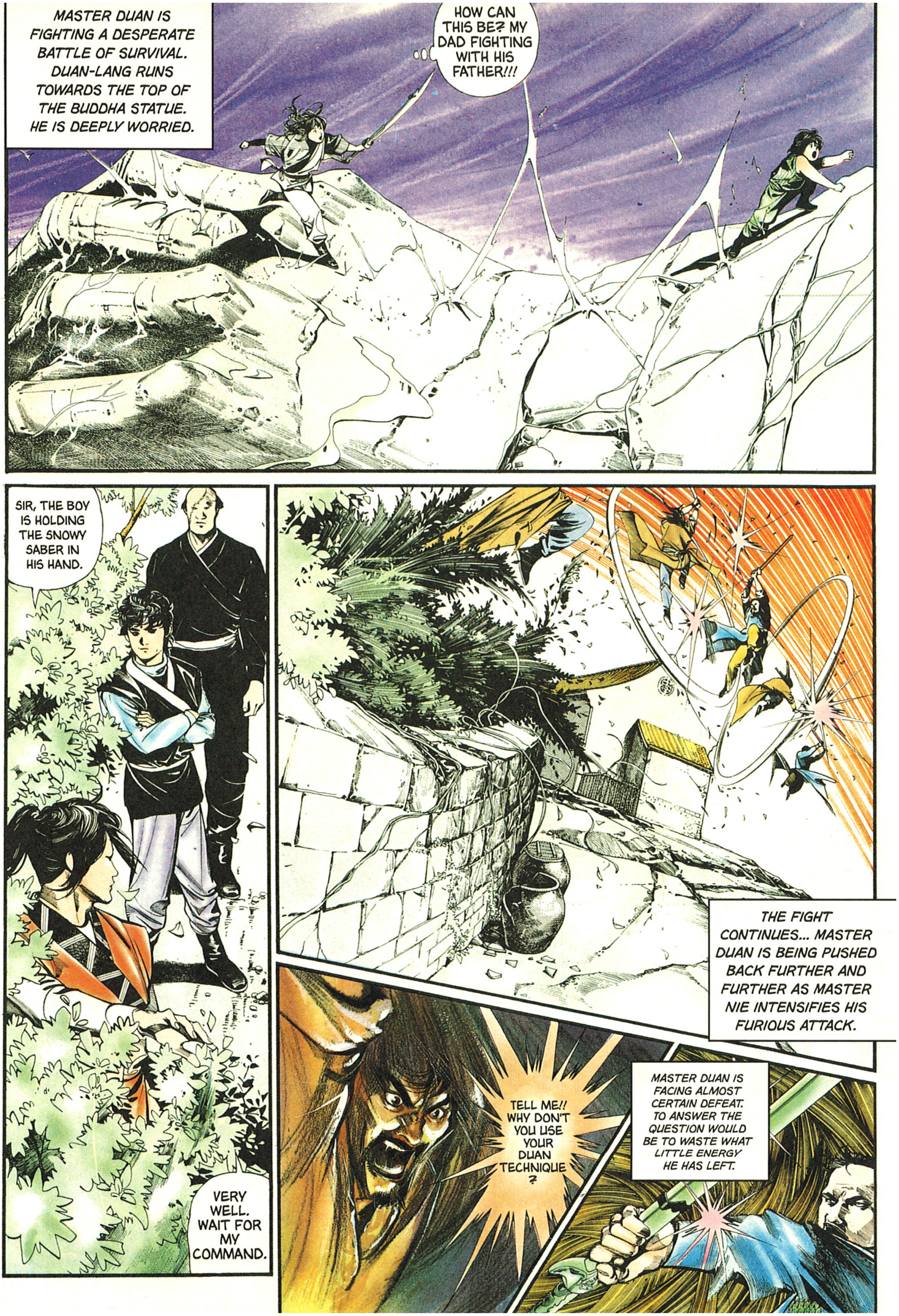


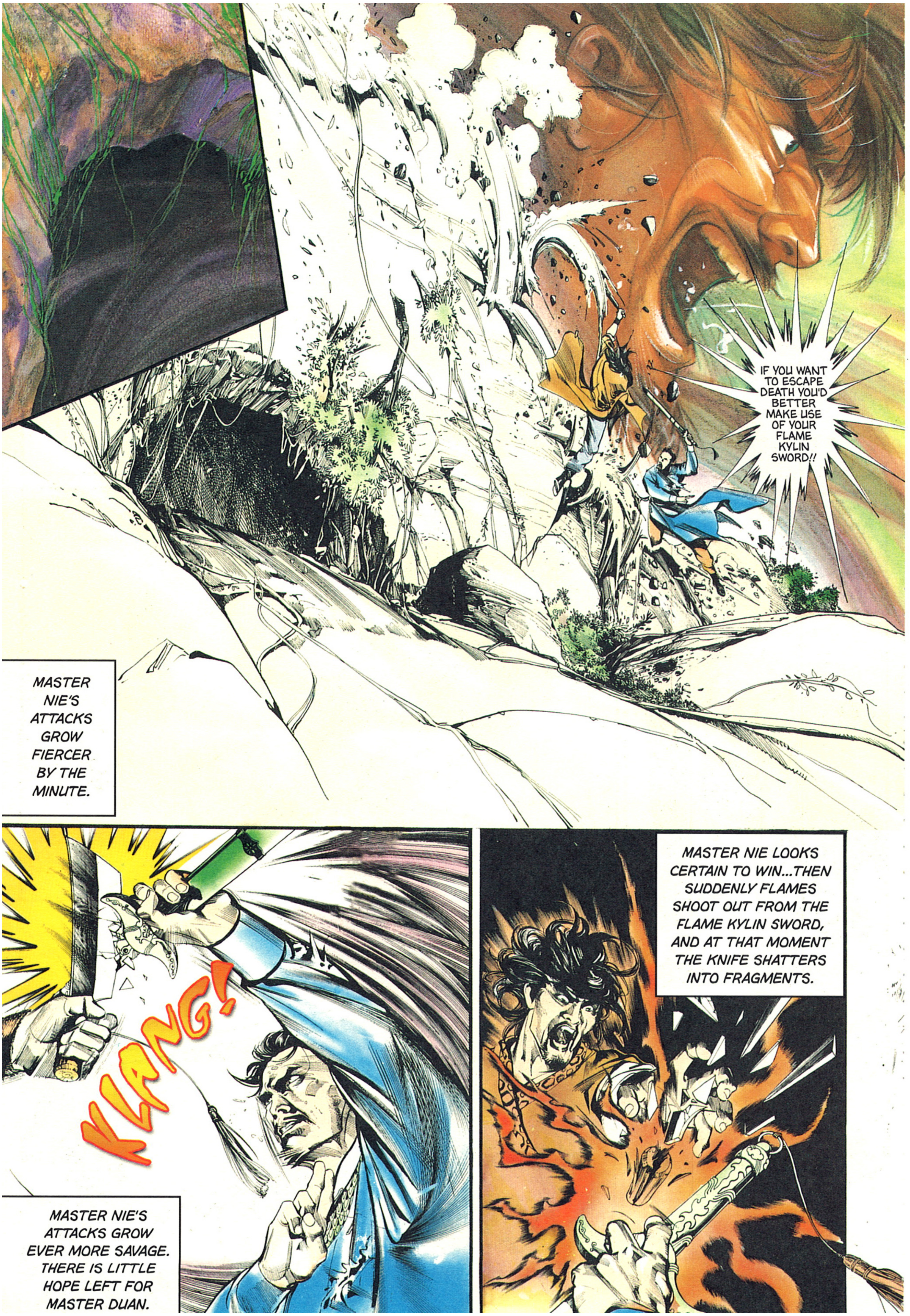
HOLD ON TO ME! AS TIGHT AS YOU CAN!

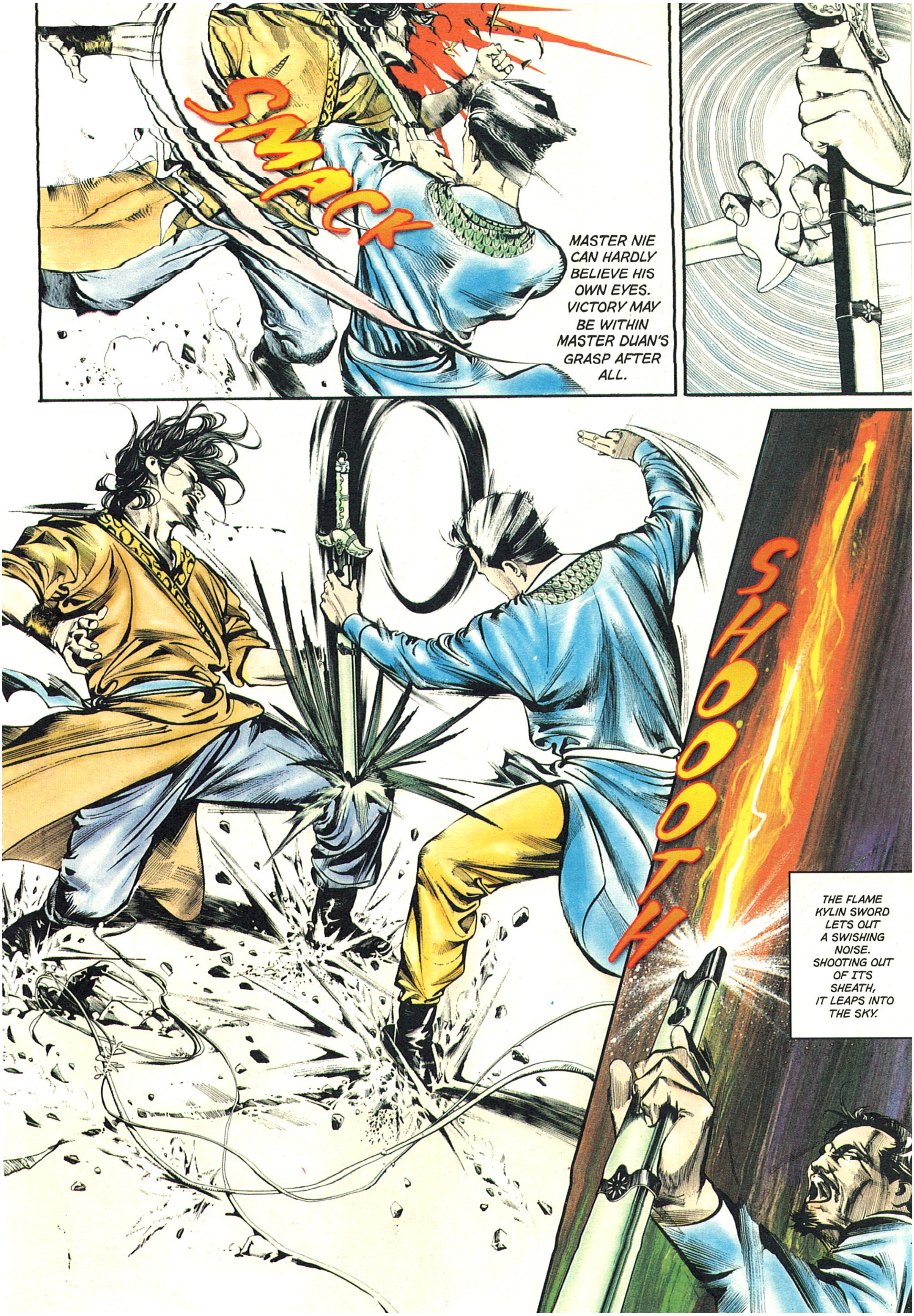
NIE-FONG CUTS THE SASH THAT ONCE BOUND HIM TO THE SNOWY SABER...

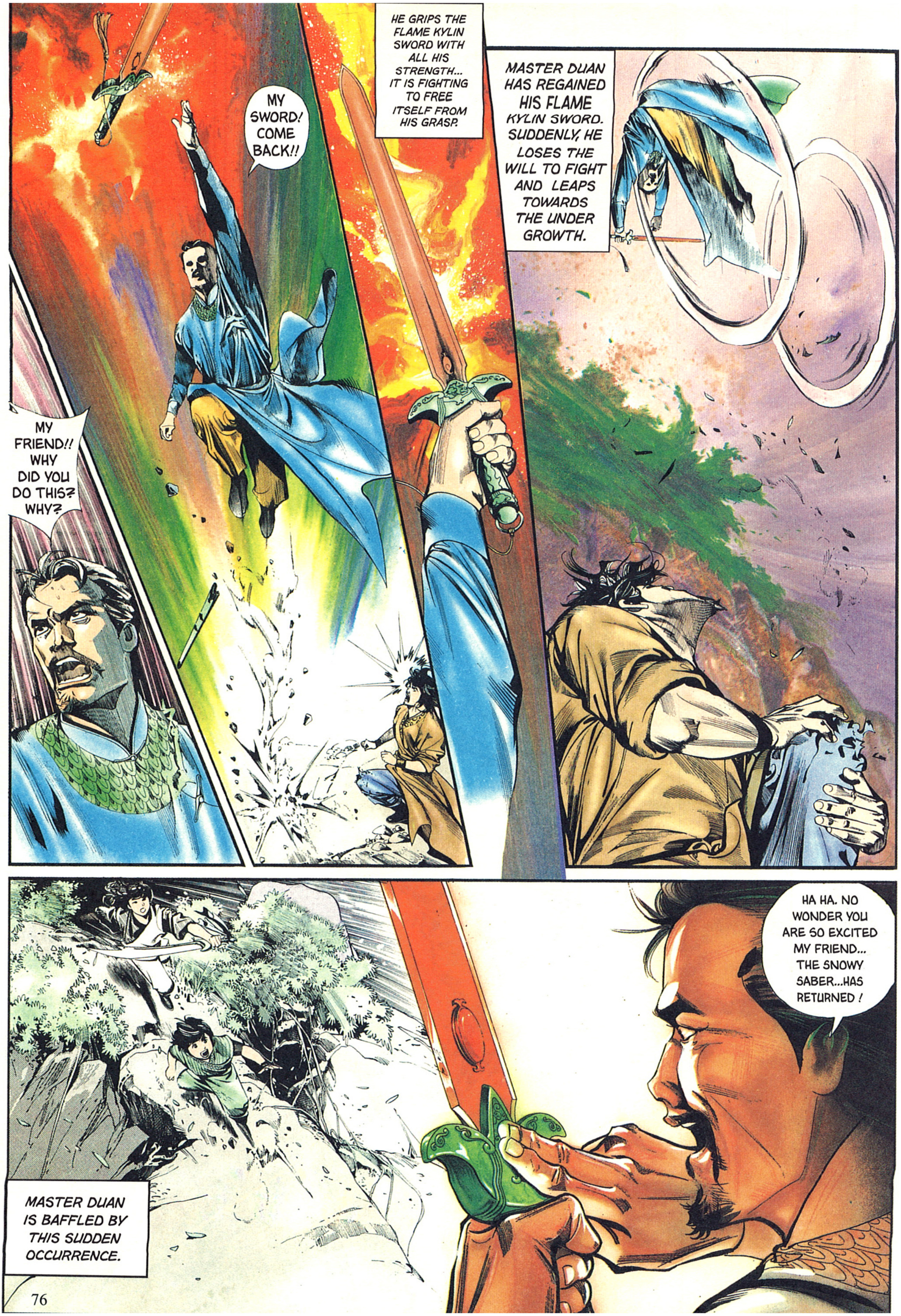

FLOOSH
THE TWO ARE HURTLING DOWNWARDS... NIE-FONG GRIPS HIS SNOWY SABER AND SMACKS IT HARD AGAINST THE STONE STATUE...
THE WATER HAS RISEN ABOVE THE BUDDHA'S KNEE.

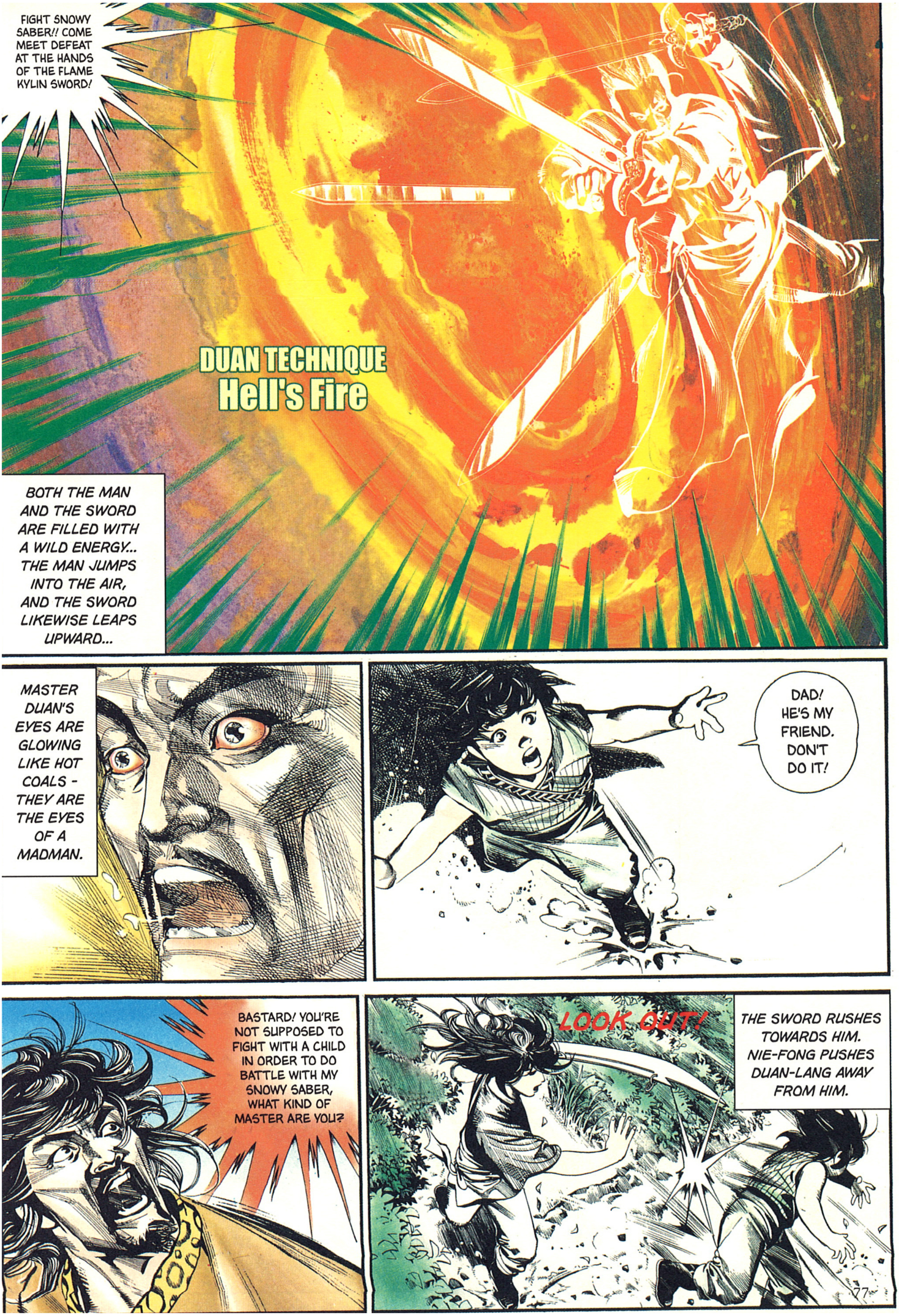

KLANG
KLANG
LUCKILY, THEY HAVE ESCAPED DEATH. THEN SUDDENLY, THEY HEAR A SOUND COMING FROM THE TOP OF THE BUDDHA STATUE. IT IS THE SOUND OF METAL CLASHING VIOLENTLY AGAINST METAL.
DAD!

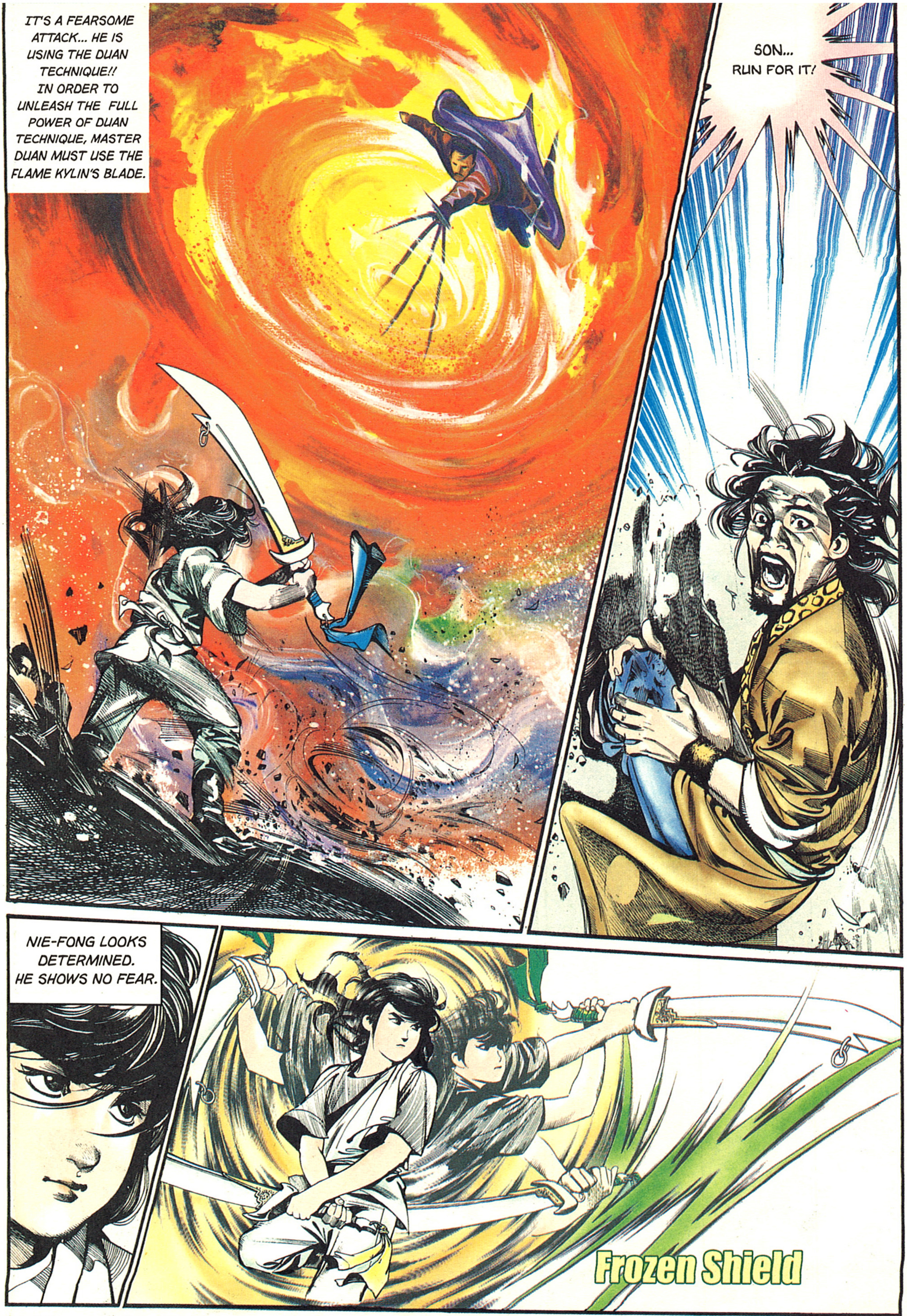

MASTER DUAN IS FIGHTING A DESPERATE BATTLE OF SURVIVAL. DUAN-LANG RUNS TOWARDS THE TOP OF THE BUDDHA STATUE. HE IS DEEPLY WORRIED.
HOW CAN THIS BE? MY DAD FIGHTING WITH HIS FATHER!!!
SIR, THE BOY IS HOLDING THE SNOWY SABER IN HIS HAND.
VERY WELL. WAIT FOR MY COMMAND.
THE FIGHT CONTINUES... MASTER DUAN IS BEING PUSHED BACK FURTHER AND FURTHER AS MASTER NIE INTENSIFIES HIS FURIOUS ATTACK.
TELL ME!! WHY DON'T YOU USE YOUR DUAN TECHNIQUE?
MASTER DUAN IS FACING ALMOST CERTAIN DEFEAT. TO ANSWER THE QUESTION WOULD BE TO WASTE WHAT LITTLE ENERGY HE HAS LEFT.


IF YOU WANT TO ESCAPE DEATH YOU'D BETTER MAKE USE OF YOUR FLAME KYLIN SWORD!!
MASTER NIE'S ATTACKS GROW FIERCER BY THE MINUTE.
KLANG!
MASTER NIE'S ATTACKS GROW EVER MORE SAVAGE. THERE IS LITTLE HOPE LEFT FOR MASTER DUAN.
MASTER NIE LOOKS CERTAIN TO WIN...THEN SUDDENLY FLAMES SHOOT OUT FROM THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD, AND AT THAT MOMENT THE KNIFE SHATTERS INTO FRAGMENTS.

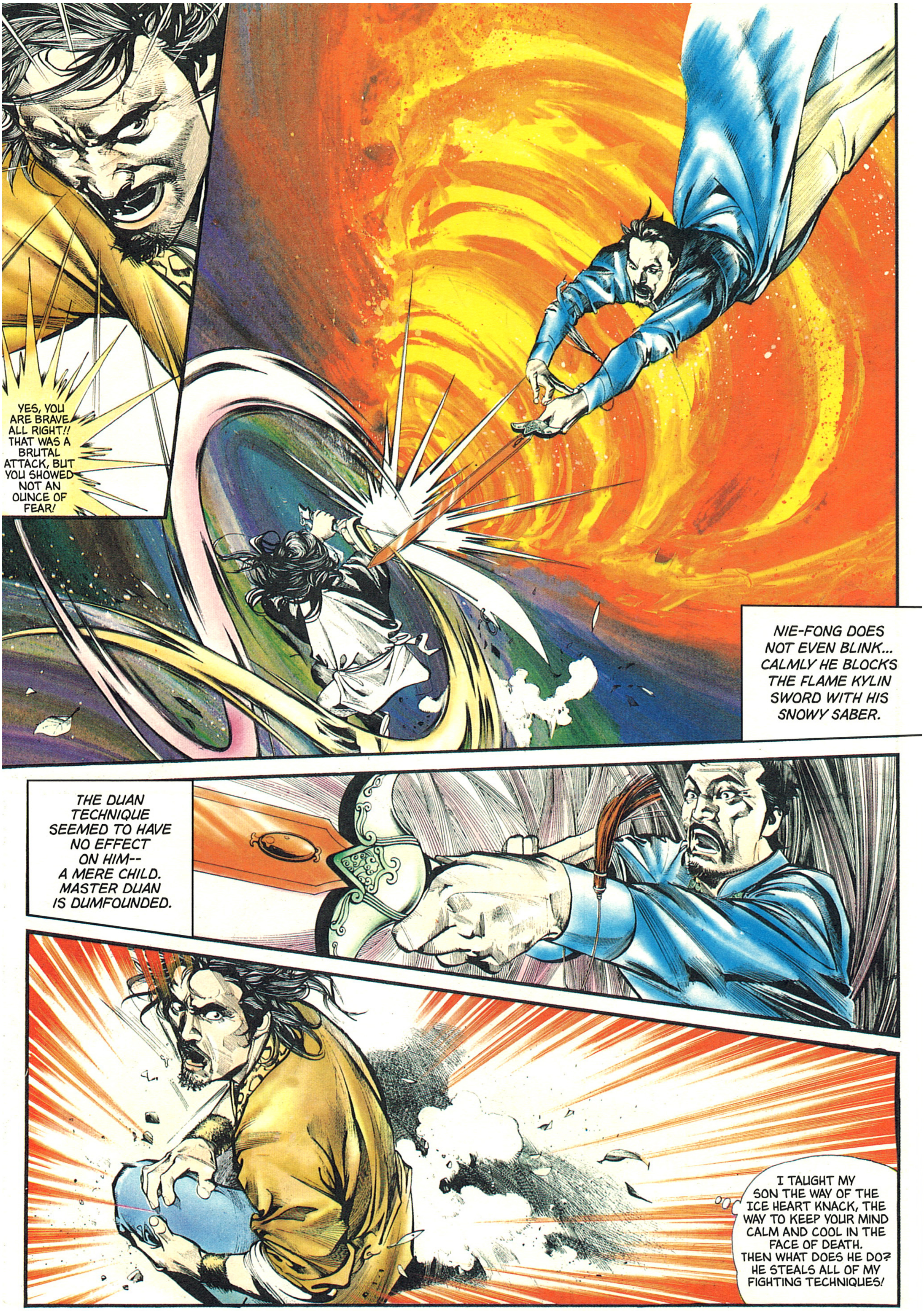

SMACK
MASTER NIE CAN HARDLY BELIEVE HIS OWN EYES. VICTORY MAY BE WITHIN MASTER DUAN'S GRASP AFTER ALL.
SHOOOOTH
THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD LETS OUT A SWISHING NOISE. SHOOTING OUT OF ITS SHEATH, IT LEAPS INTO THE SKY.

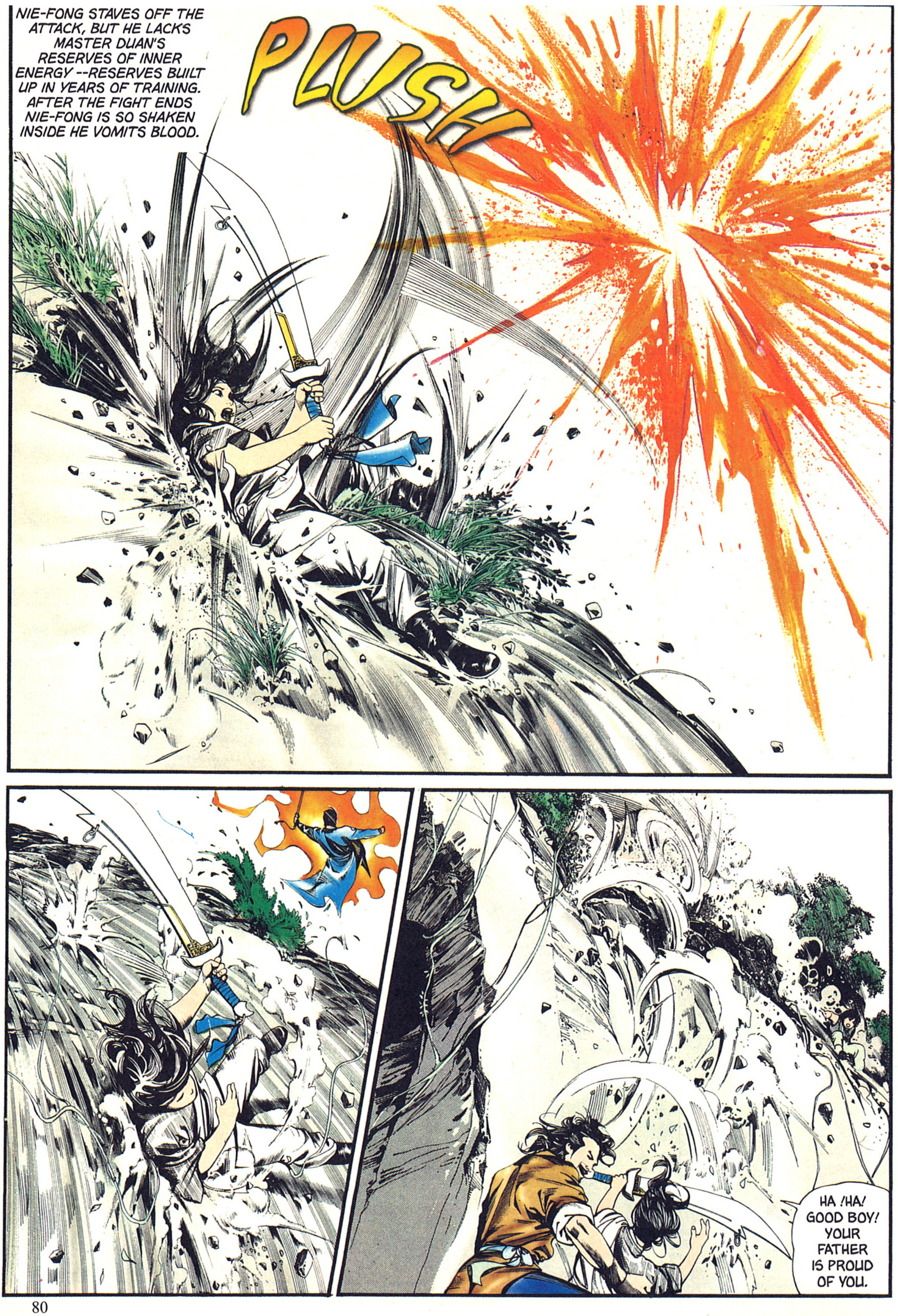

MY SWORD! COME BACK!!
MY FRIEND!! WHY DID YOU DO THIS? WHY?
HE GRIPS THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH... IT IS FIGHTING TO FREE ITSELF FROM HIS GRASP.
MASTER DUAN HAS REGAINED HIS FLAME KYLIN SWORD. SUDDENLY, HE LOSES THE WILL TO FIGHT AND LEAPS TOWARDS THE UNDER GROWTH.
MASTER DUAN IS BAFFLED BY THIS SUDDEN OCCURRENCE.
HA HA. NO WONDER YOU ARE SO EXCITED MY FRIEND... THE SNOWY SABER...HAS RETURNED !

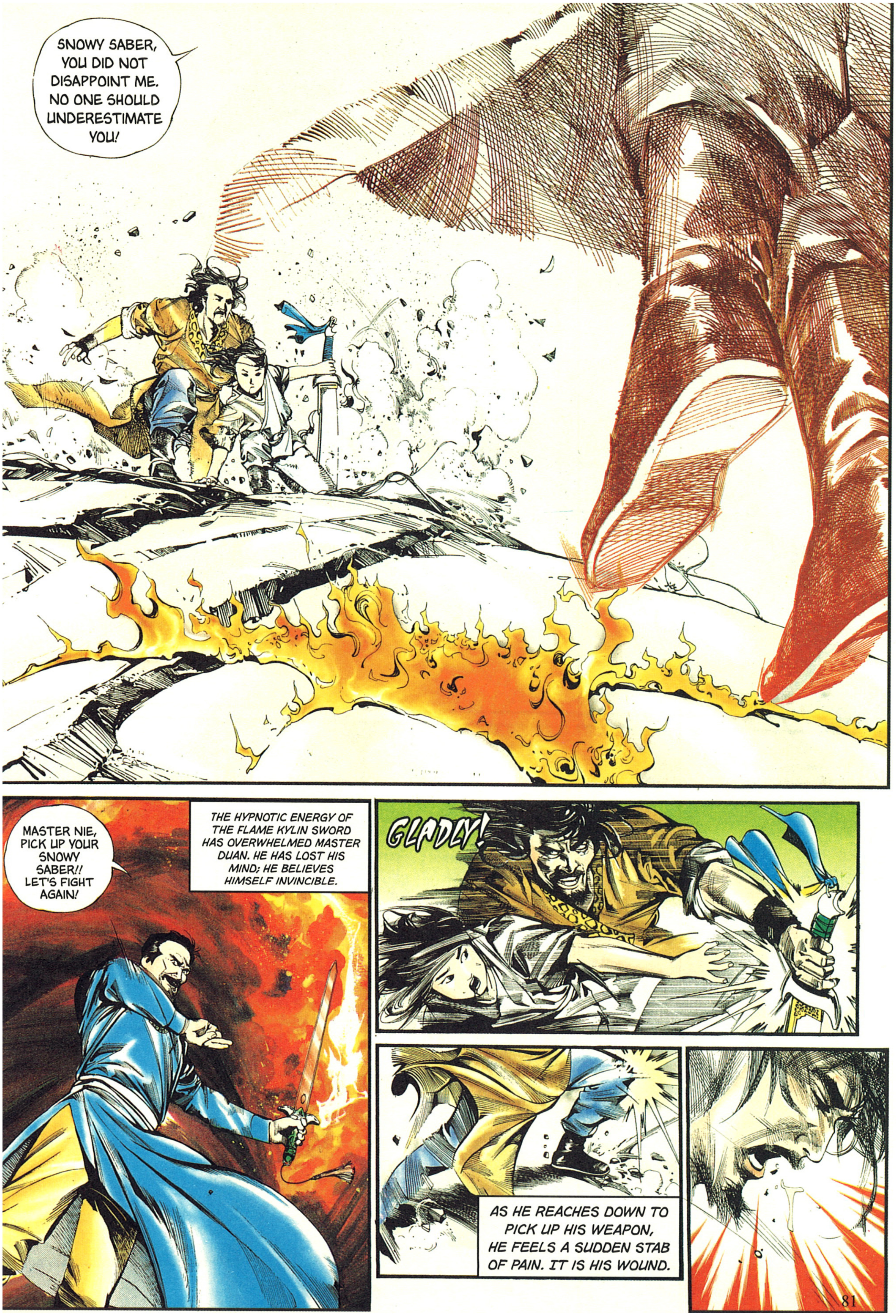

FIGHT SNOWY SABER!! COME MEET DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD!
DUAN TECHNIQUE
Hell's Fire
BOTH THE MAN AND THE SWORD ARE FILLED WITH A WILD ENERGY... THE MAN JUMPS INTO THE AIR, AND THE SWORD LIKEWISE LEAPS UPWARD...
MASTER DUAN'S EYES ARE GLOWING LIKE HOT COALS - THEY ARE THE EYES OF A MADMAN.
DAD! HE'S MY FRIEND. DON'T DO IT!
BASTARD! YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO FIGHT WITH A CHILD IN ORDER TO DO BATTLE WITH MY SNOWY SABER, WHAT KIND OF MASTER ARE YOU?
LOOK OUT!
THE SWORD RUSHES TOWARDS HIM. NIE-FONG PUSHES DUAN-LANG AWAY FROM HIM.

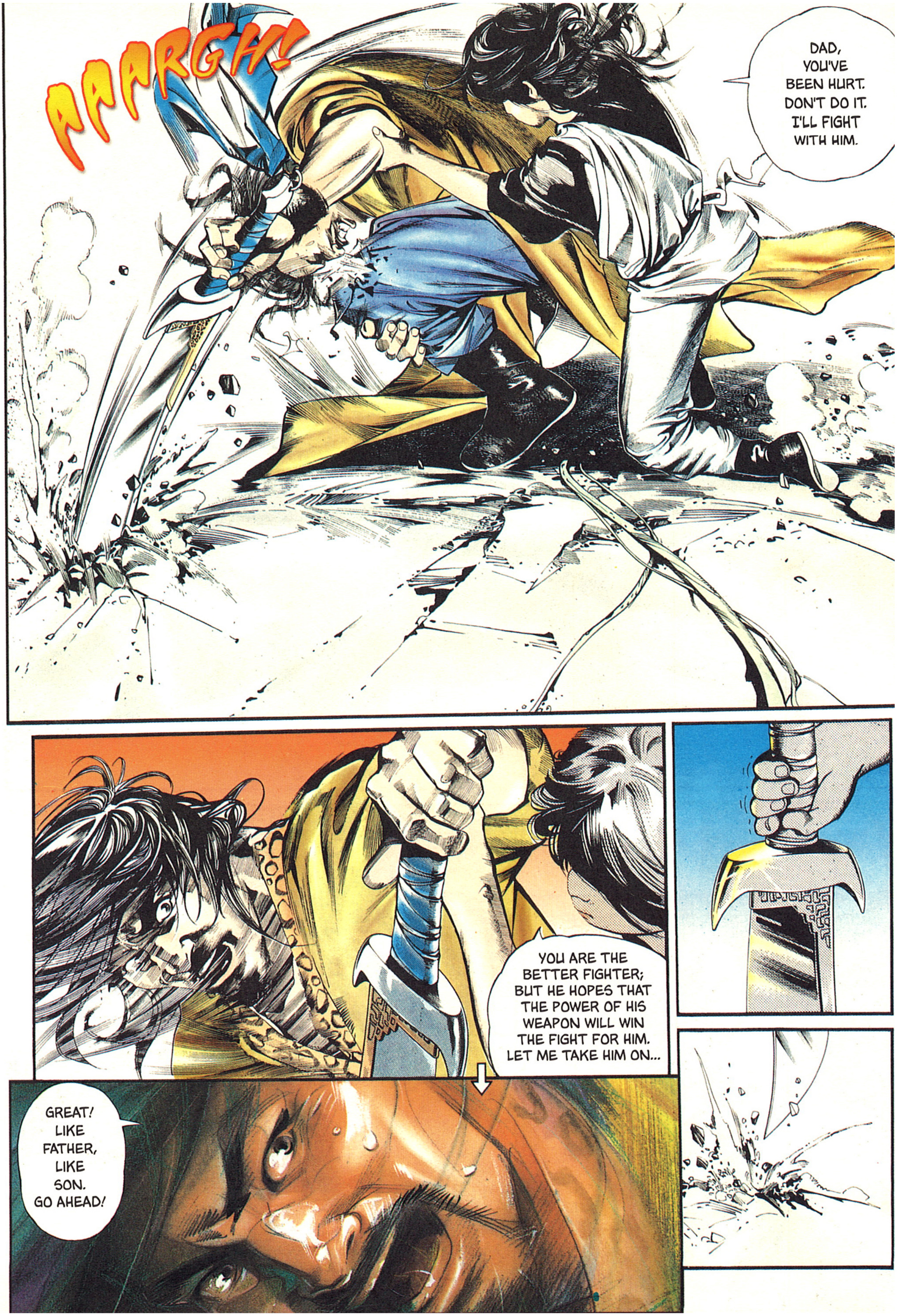

IT'S A FEARSOME ATTACK... HE IS USING THE DUAN TECHNIQUE!! IN ORDER TO UNLEASH THE FULL POWER OF DUAN TECHNIQUE, MASTER DUAN MUST USE THE FLAME KYLIN'S BLADE.
SON... RUN FOR IT!
NIE-FONG LOOKS DETERMINED. HE SHOWS NO FEAR.
Frozen Shield

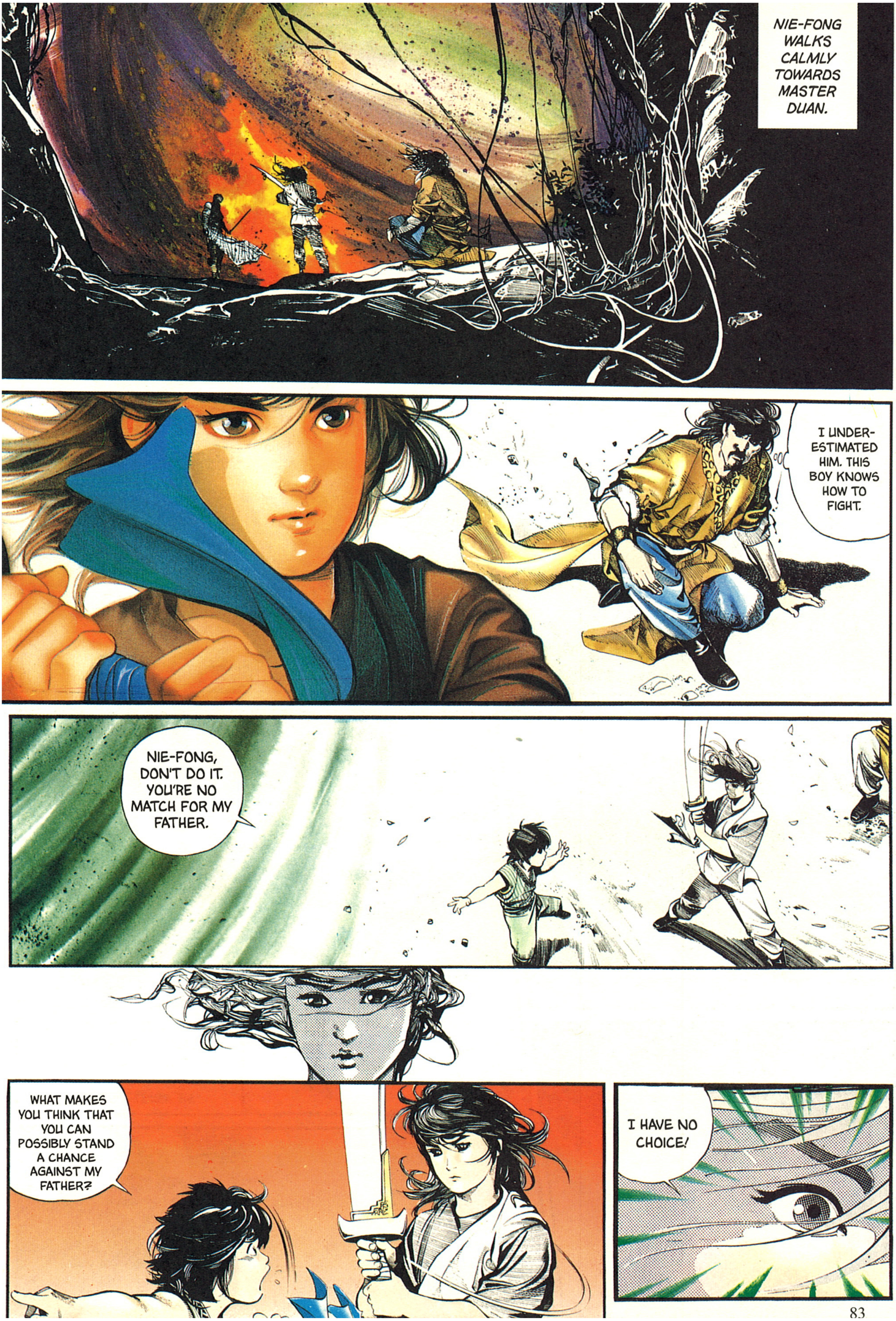
NIE-FONG CHARGES FORWARD, SWINGING HIS SABER. HE IS USING THE "ICE DAGGER" TECHNIQUES.

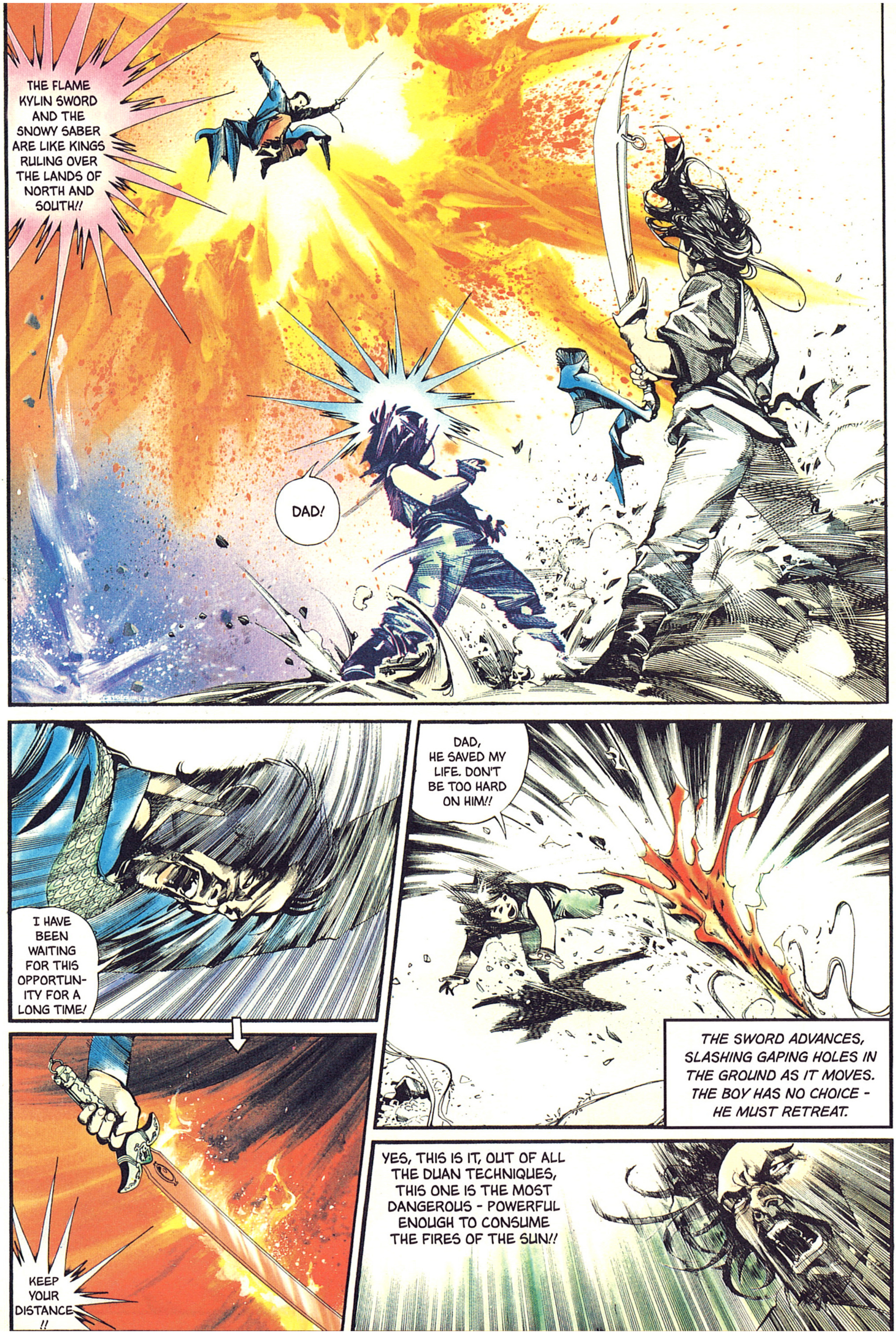

YES, YOU ARE BRAVE ALL RIGHT!! THAT WAS A BRUTAL ATTACK, BUT YOU SHOWED NOT AN OUNCE OF FEAR!
NIE-FONG DOES NOT EVEN BLINK... CALMLY HE BLOCKS THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD WITH HIS SNOWY SABER.
THE DUAN TECHNIQUE SEEMED TO HAVE NO EFFECT ON HIM-- A MERE CHILD. MASTER DUAN IS DUMFOUNDED.
I TAUGHT MY SON THE WAY OF THE ICE HEART KNACK, THE WAY TO KEEP YOUR MIND CALM AND COOL IN THE FACE OF DEATH. THEN WHAT DOES HE DO? HE STEALS ALL OF MY FIGHTING TECHNIQUES!

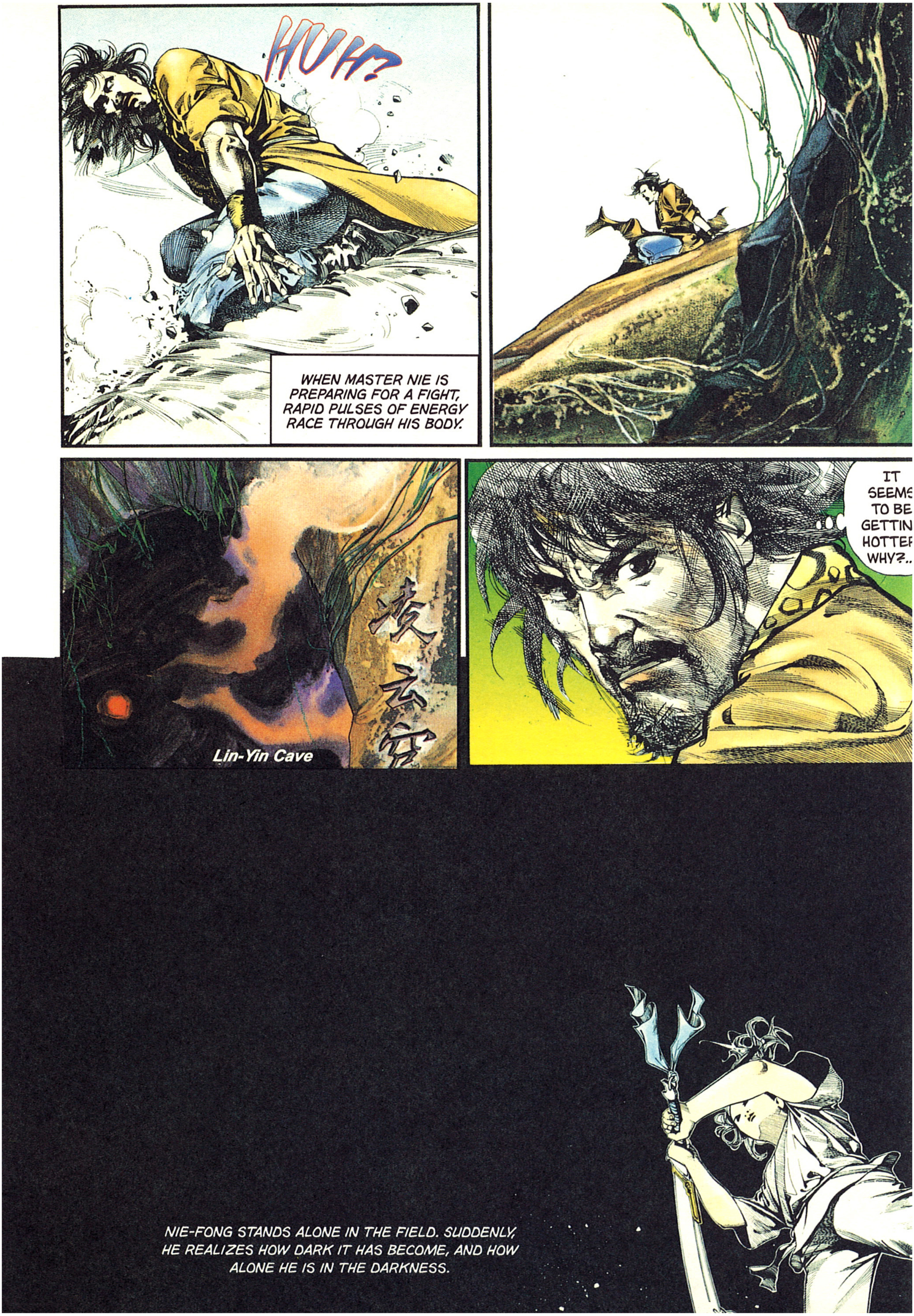

NIE-FONG STAVES OFF THE ATTACK, BUT HE LACKS MASTER DUAN'S RESERVES OF INNER ENERGY --RESERVES BUILT UP IN YEARS OF TRAINING. AFTER THE FIGHT ENDS NIE-FONG IS SO SHAKEN INSIDE HE VOMITS BLOOD.
PLUSH
HA !HA! GOOD BOY! YOUR FATHER IS PROUD OF YOU.


SNOWY SABER, YOU DID NOT DISAPPOINT ME. NO ONE SHOULD UNDERESTIMATE YOU!
MASTER NIE, PICK UP YOUR SNOWY SABER!! LET'S FIGHT AGAIN!
THE HYPNOTIC ENERGY OF THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD HAS OVERWHELMED MASTER DUAN. HE HAS LOST HIS MIND; HE BELIEVES HIMSELF INVINCIBLE.
GLADLY!
AS HE REACHES DOWN TO PICK UP HIS WEAPON, HE FEELS A SUDDEN STAB OF PAIN. IT IS HIS WOUND.


AAARGH!
DAD, YOU'VE BEEN HURT. DON'T DO IT. I'LL FIGHT WITH HIM.
YOU ARE THE BETTER FIGHTER; BUT HE HOPES THAT THE POWER OF HIS WEAPON WILL WIN THE FIGHT FOR HIM. LET ME TAKE HIM ON...
GREAT! LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON. GO AHEAD!

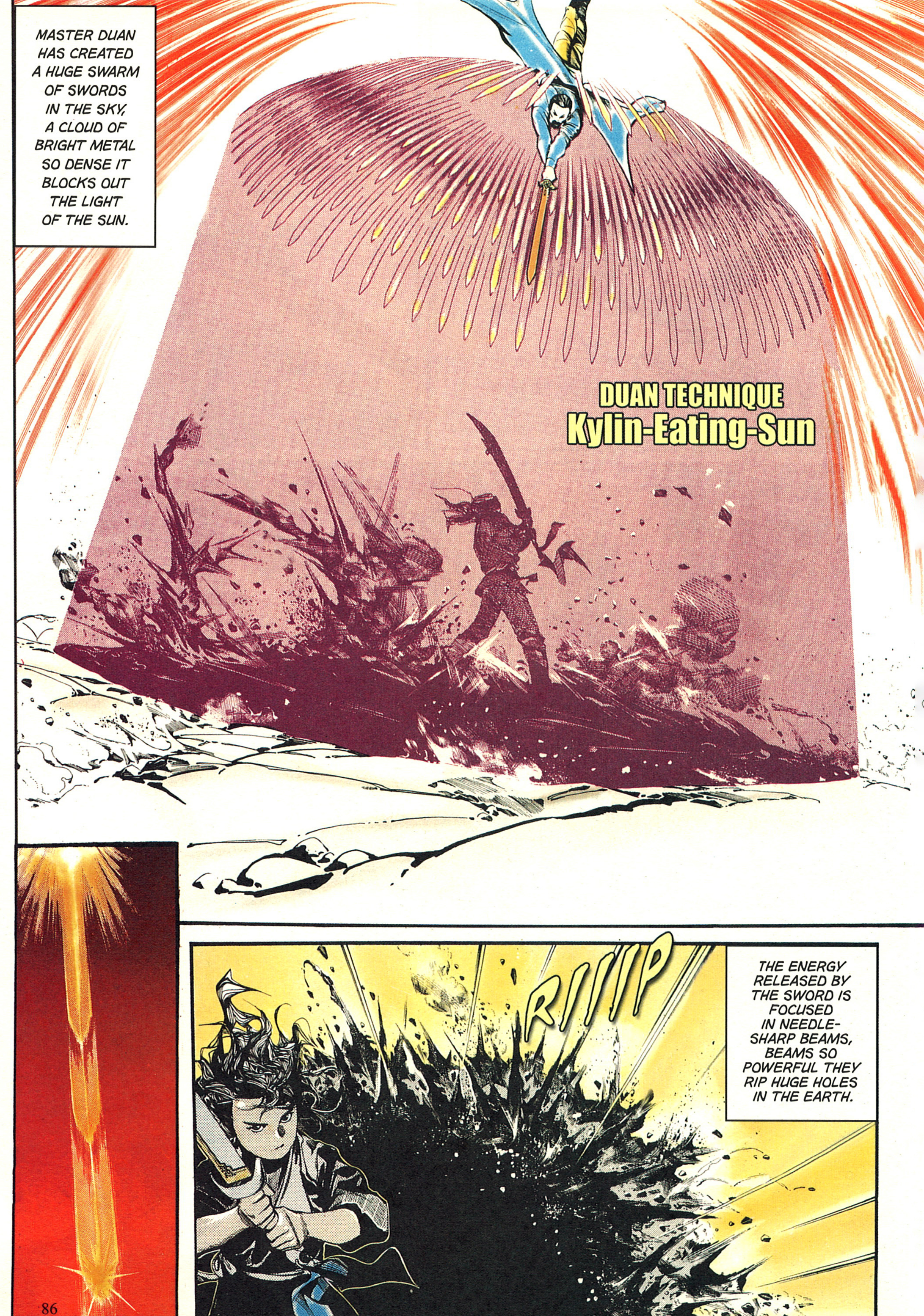

NIE-FONG WALKS CALMLY TOWARDS MASTER DUAN.
I UNDER-ESTIMATED HIM. THIS BOY KNOWS HOW TO FIGHT.
NIE-FONG, DON'T DO IT. YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR MY FATHER.
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN POSSIBLY STAND A CHANCE AGAINST MY FATHER?
I HAVE NO CHOICE!

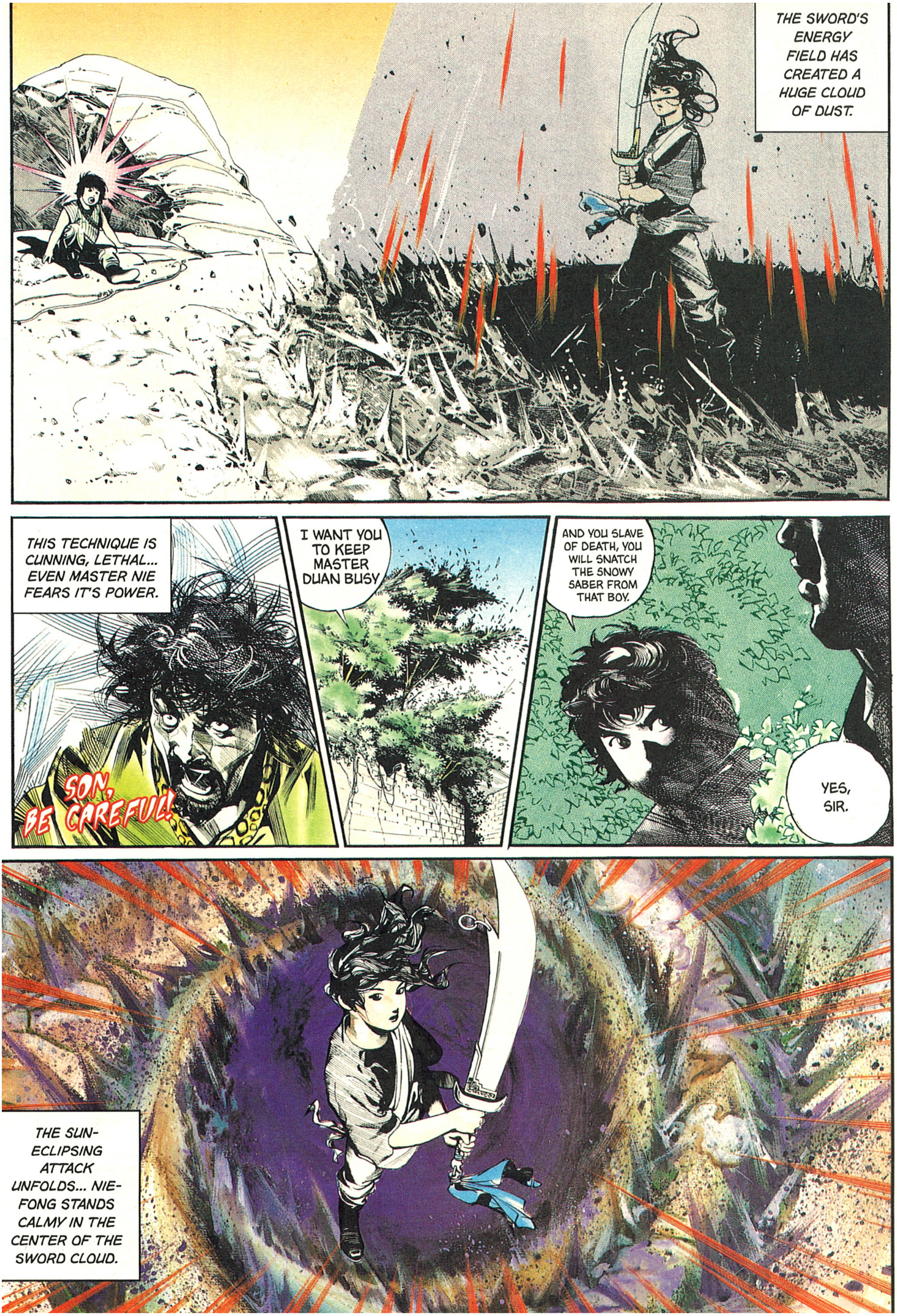

THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD AND THE SNOWY SABER ARE LIKE KINGS RULING OVER THE LANDS OF NORTH AND SOUTH!!
DAD!
I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR A LONG TIME!
DAD, HE SAVED MY LIFE. DON'T BE TOO HARD ON HIM!!
THE SWORD ADVANCES, SLASHING GAPING HOLES IN THE GROUND AS IT MOVES. THE BOY HAS NO CHOICE - HE MUST RETREAT.
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!!
YES, THIS IS IT, OUT OF ALL THE DUAN TECHNIQUES, THIS ONE IS THE MOST DANGEROUS - POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CONSUME THE FIRES OF THE SUN!!

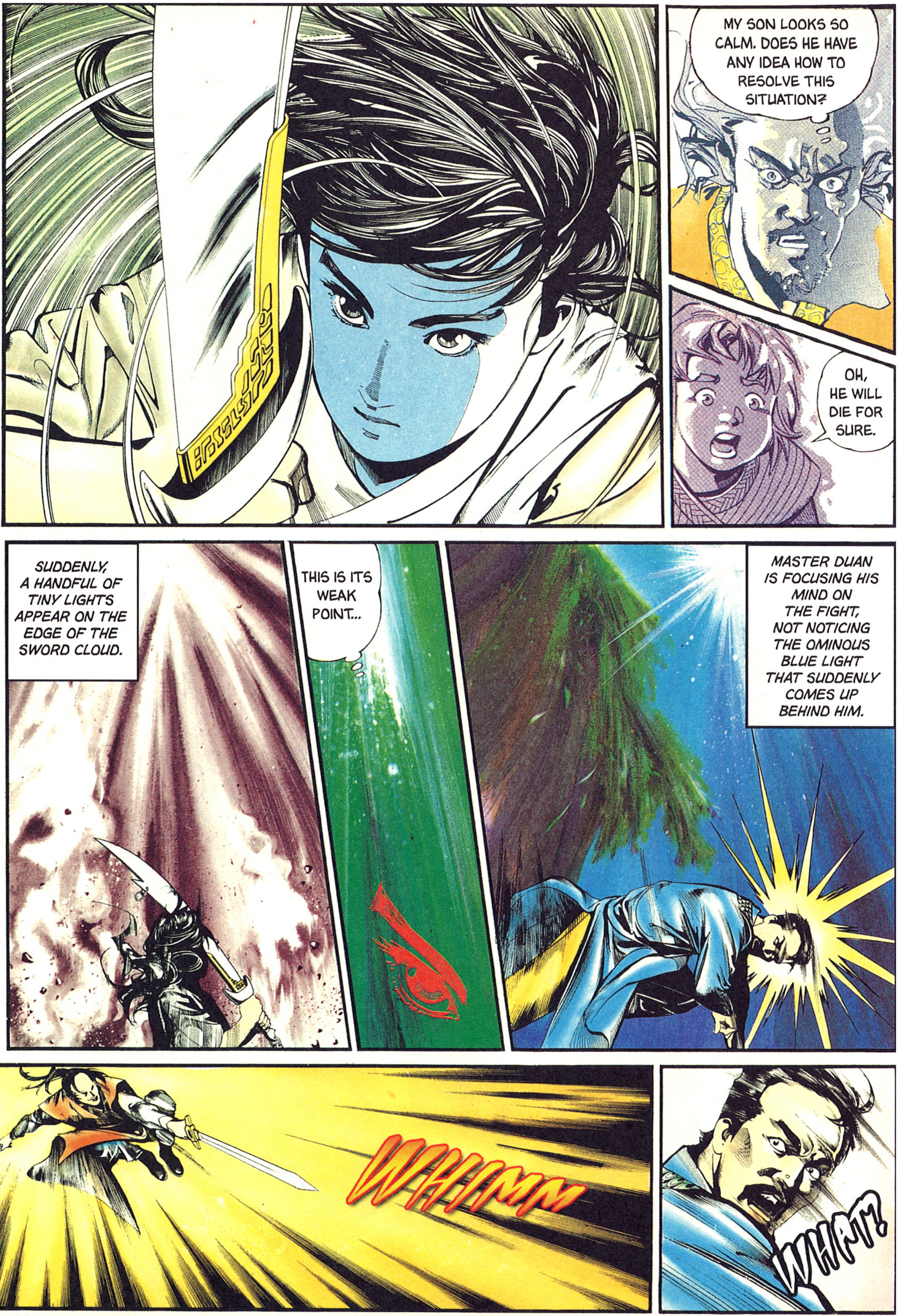

HUH?
凌云
Lin-Yin Cave
IT SEEMS TO BE GETTIN HOTTEF WHY?..

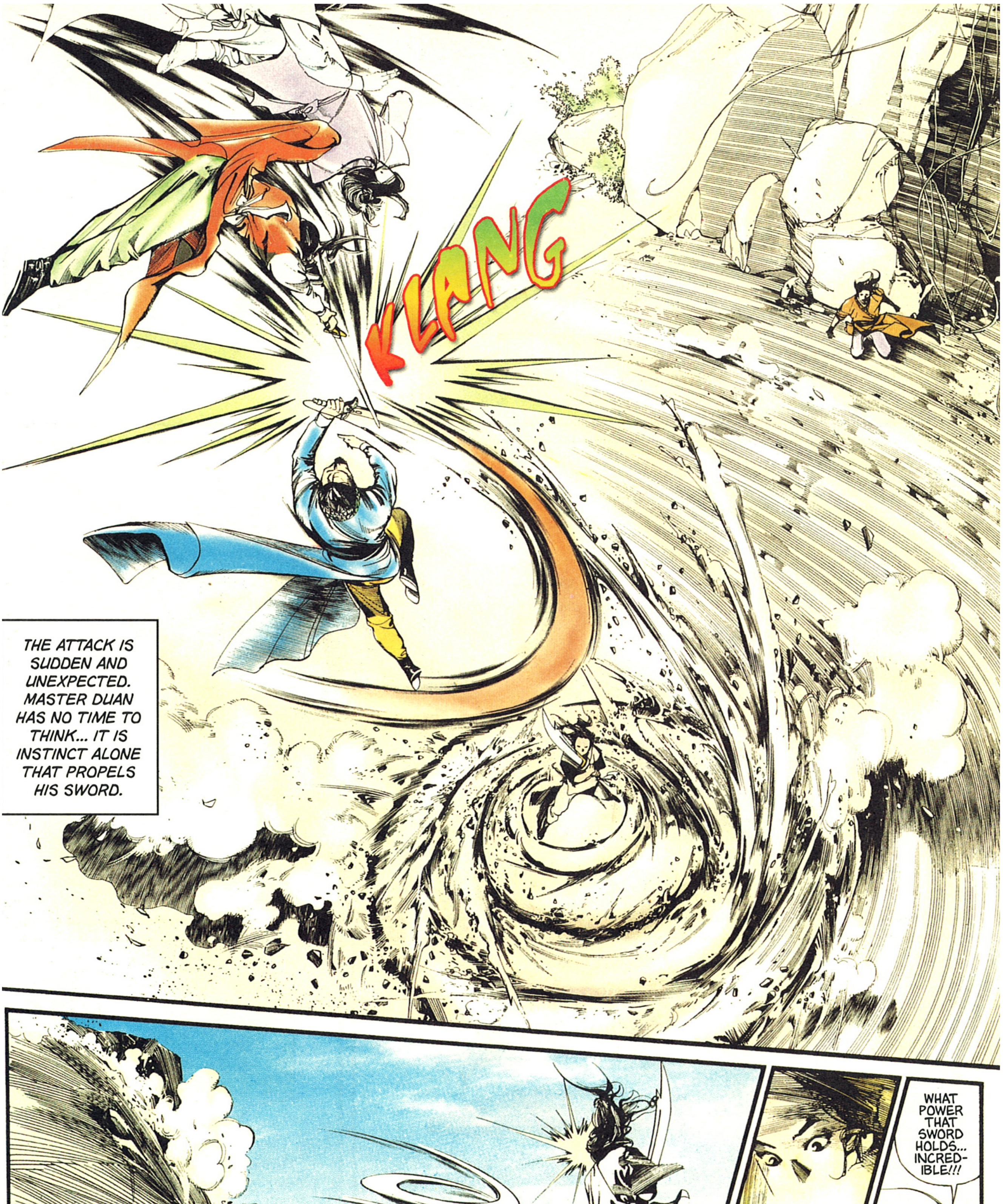
WHEN MASTER NIE IS PREPARING FOR A FIGHT, RAPID PULSES OF ENERGY RACE THROUGH HIS BODY.

NIE-FONG STANDS ALONE IN THE FIELD. SUDDENLY, HE REALIZES HOW DARK IT HAS BECOME, AND HOW ALONE HE IS IN THE DARKNESS.


MASTER DUAN HAS CREATED A HUGE SWARM OF SWORDS IN THE SKY, A CLOUD OF BRIGHT METAL SO DENSE IT BLOCKS OUT THE LIGHT OF THE SUN.
DUAN TECHNIQUE
Kylin-Eating-Sun
RIIIP
THE ENERGY RELEASED BY THE SWORD IS FOCUSED IN NEEDLE-SHARP BEAMS, BEAMS SO POWERFUL THEY RIP HUGE HOLES IN THE EARTH.


THE SWORD'S ENERGY FIELD HAS CREATED A HUGE CLOUD OF DUST.
THIS TECHNIQUE IS CUNNING, LETHAL... EVEN MASTER NIE FEARS IT'S POWER.
SON, BE CAREFUL!
I WANT YOU TO KEEP MASTER DUAN BUSY
AND YOU SLAVE OF DEATH, YOU WILL SNATCH THE SNOWY SABER FROM THAT BOY.
YES, SIR.
THE SUN-ECLIPSING ATTACK UNFOLDS... NIE-FONG STANDS CALMY IN THE CENTER OF THE SWORD CLOUD.


MY SON LOOKS SO CALM. DOES HE HAVE ANY IDEA HOW TO RESOLVE THIS SITUATION?
OH, HE WILL DIE FOR SURE.
SUDDENLY, A HANDFUL OF TINY LIGHTS APPEAR ON THE EDGE OF THE SWORD CLOUD.
THIS IS ITS WEAK POINT...
MASTER DUAN IS FOCUSING HIS MIND ON THE FIGHT, NOT NOTICING THE OMINOUS BLUE LIGHT THAT SUDDENLY COMES UP BEHIND HIM.
WHIMM
WHAT!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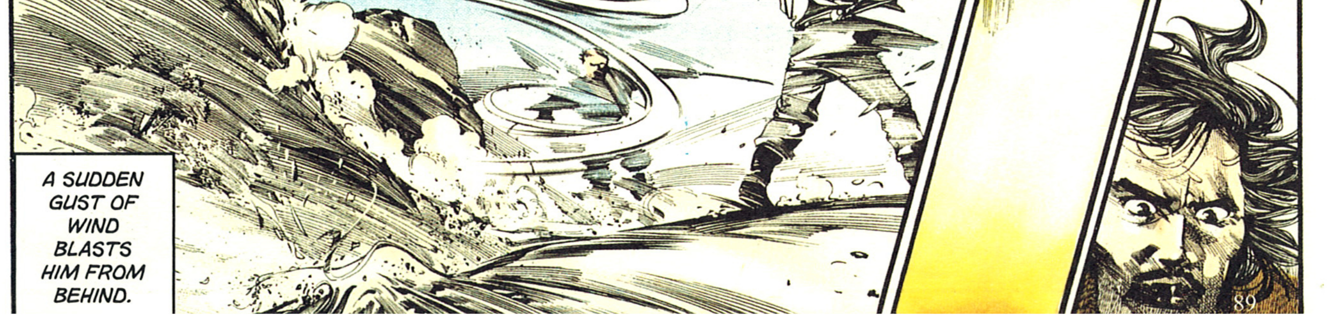
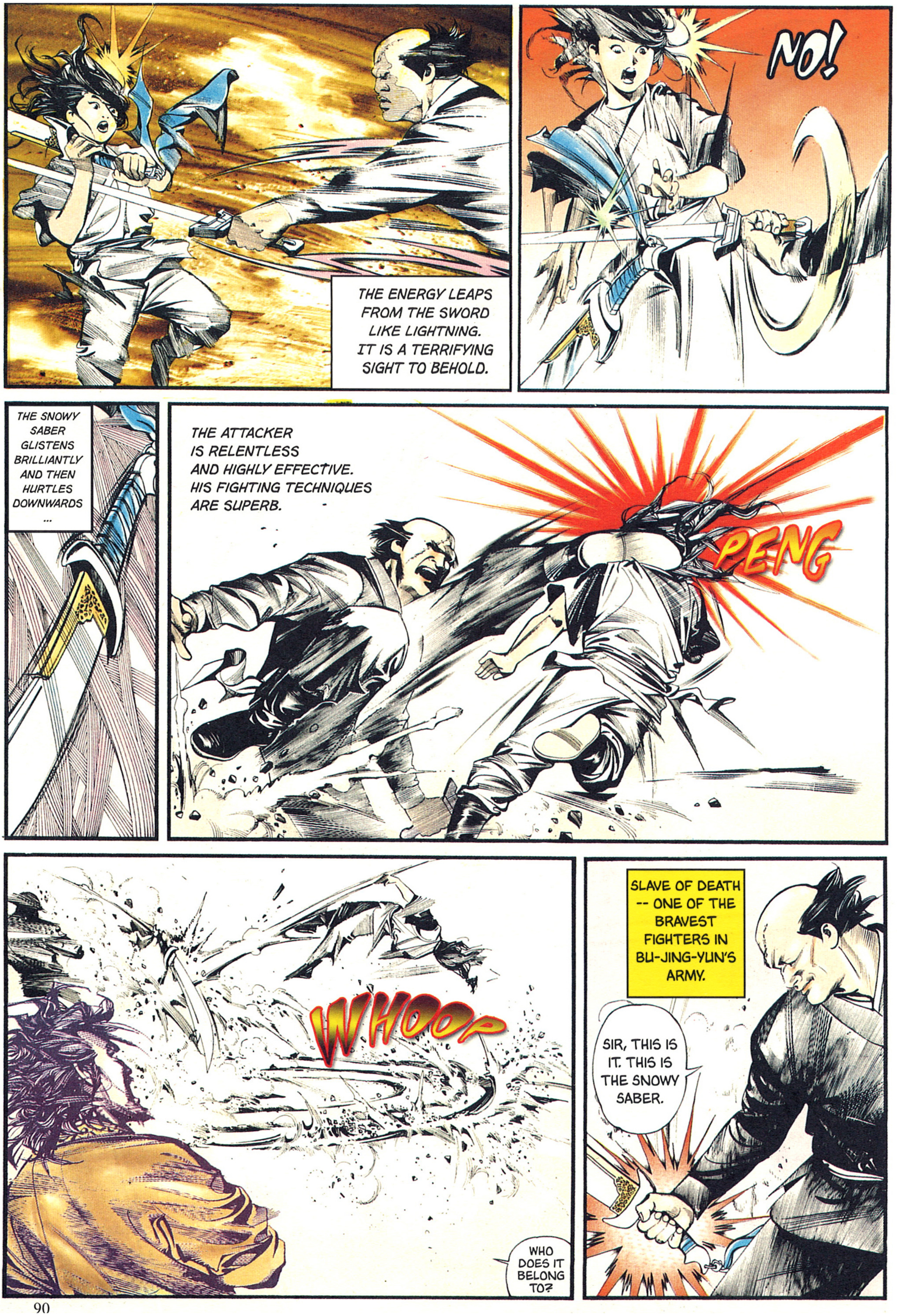
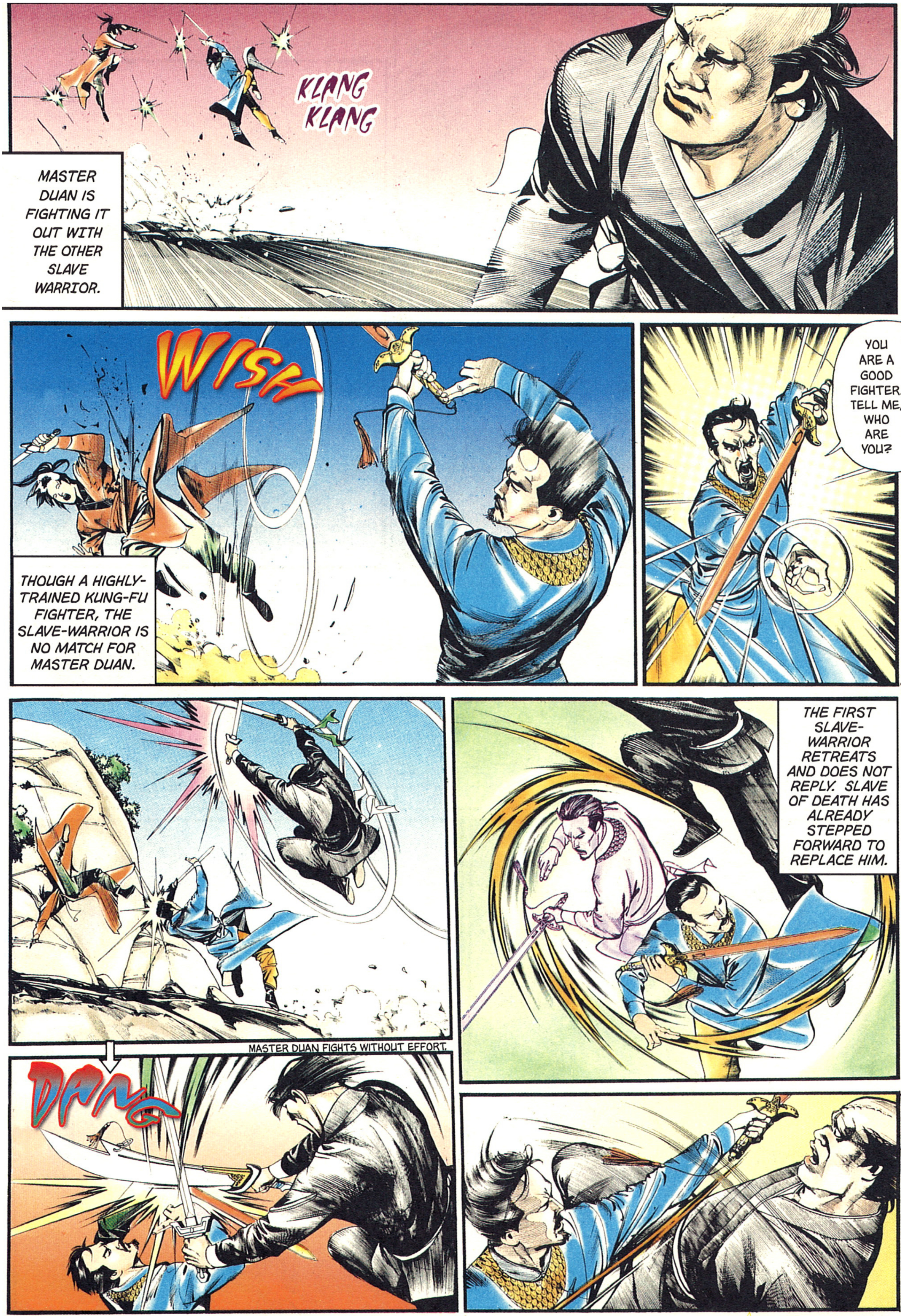
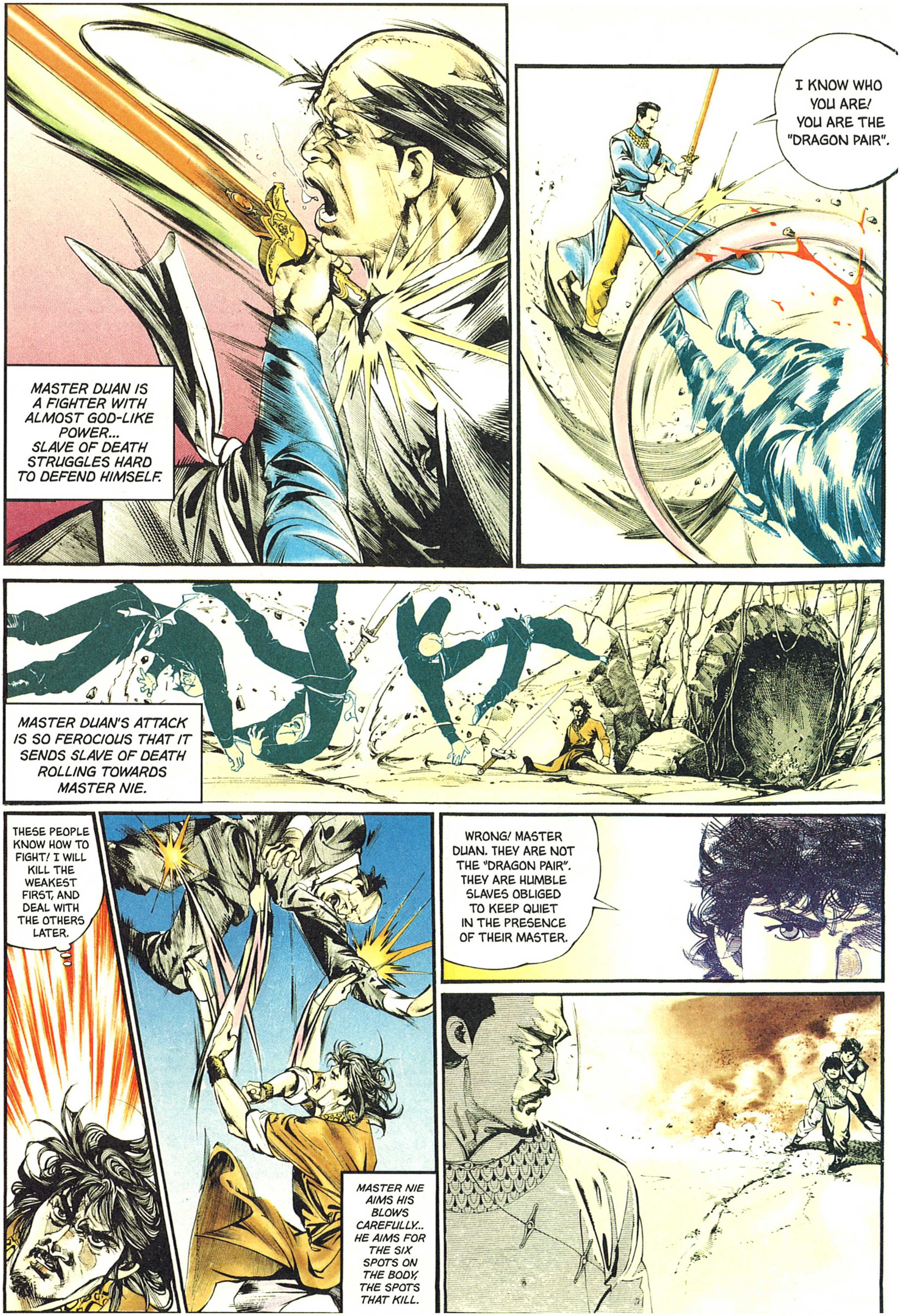
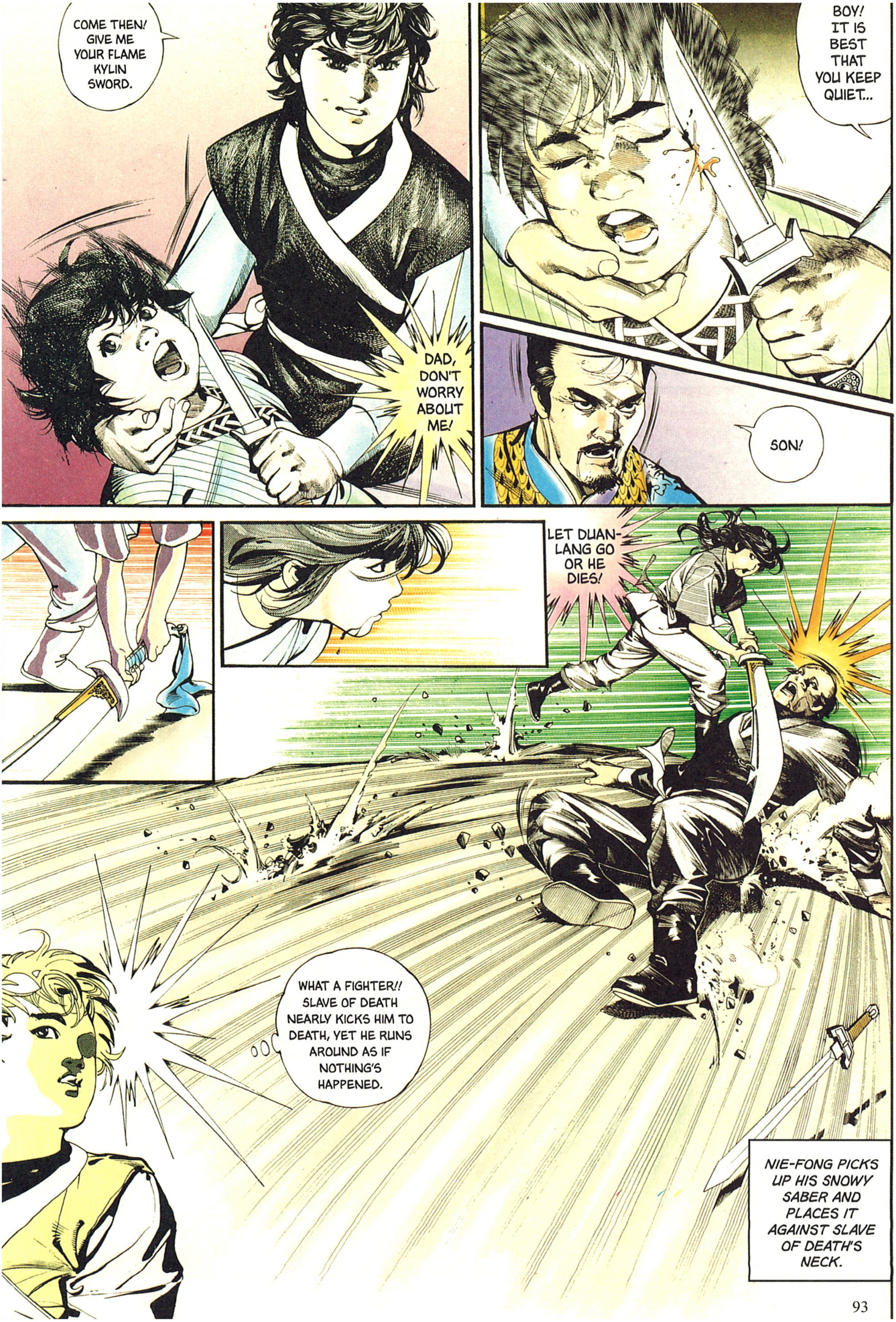
THE ATTACK IS SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED. MASTER DUAN HAS NO TIME TO THINK... IT IS INSTINCT ALONE THAT PROPELS HIS SWORD.

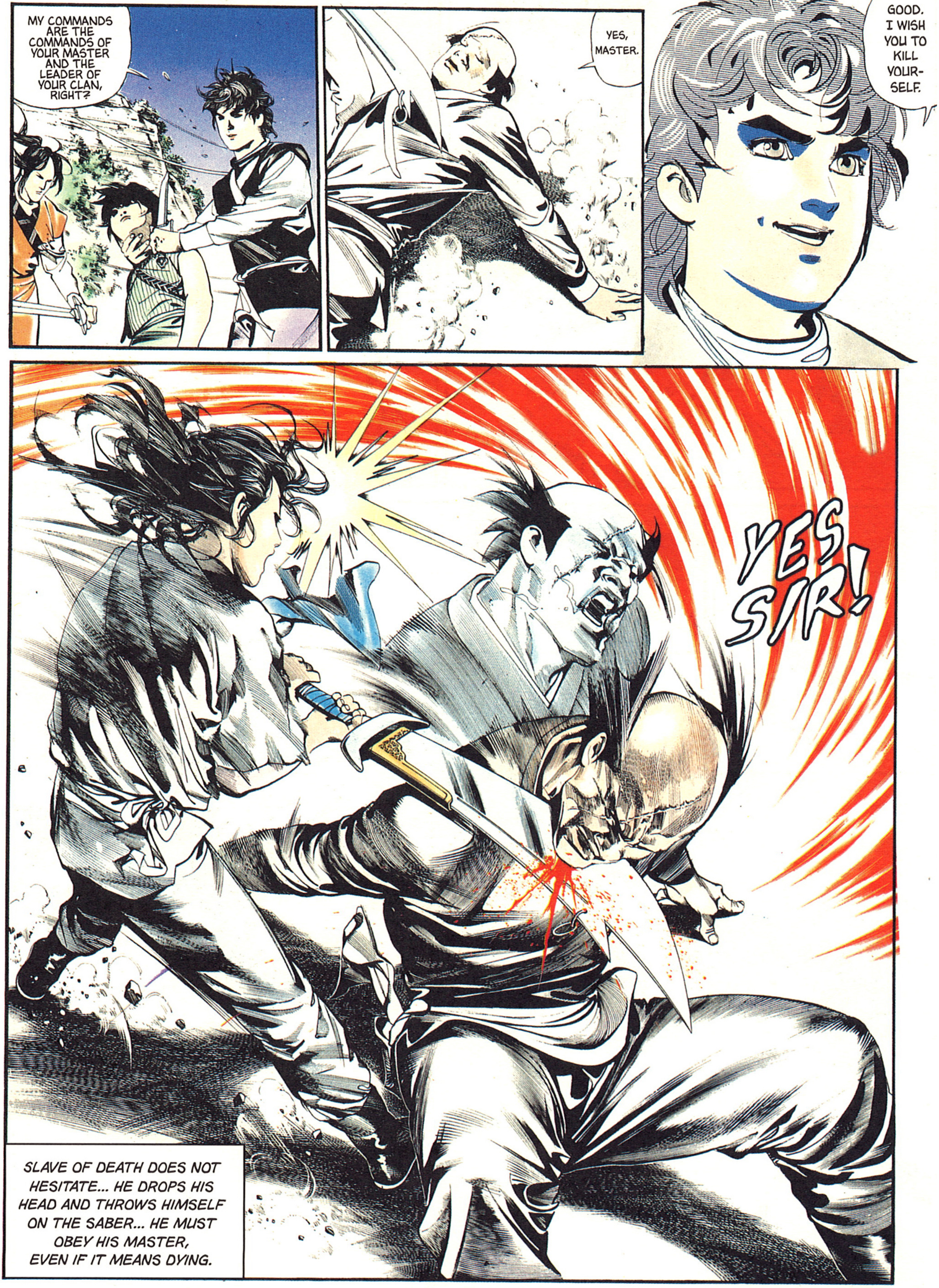

A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND BLASTS HIM FROM BEHIND.
WHAT POWER THAT SWORD HOLDS... INCREDIBLE!!!

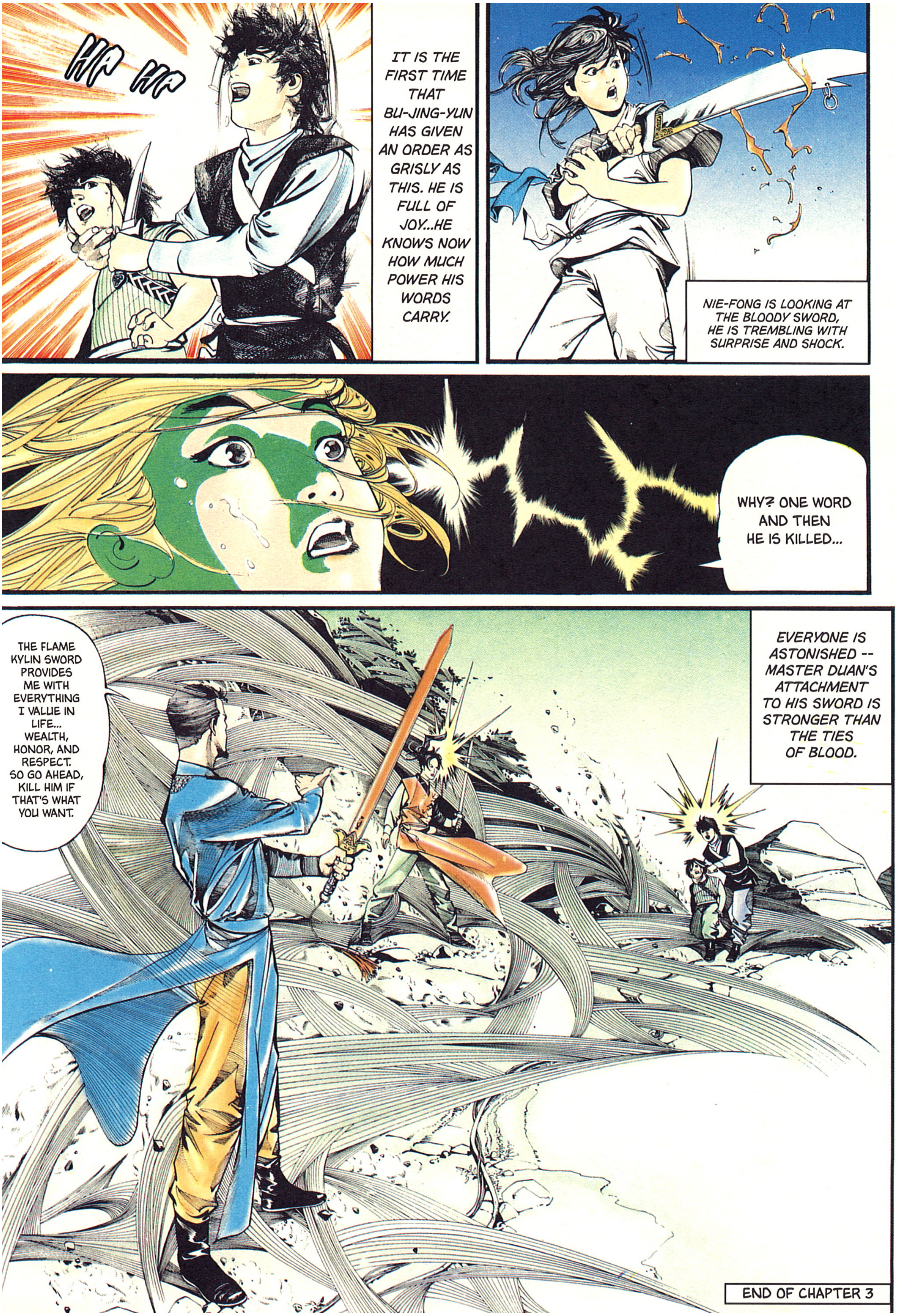

THE ENERGY LEAPS FROM THE SWORD LIKE LIGHTNING. IT IS A TERRIFYING SIGHT TO BEHOLD.
NO!
THE SNOWY SABER GLISTENS BRILLIANTLY AND THEN HURTLES DOWNWARDS ...
THE ATTACKER IS RELENTLESS AND HIGHLY EFFECTIVE. HIS FIGHTING TECHNIQUES ARE SUPERB.
PENG
WHOOP
WHO DOES IT BELONG TO?
SLAVE OF DEATH -- ONE OF THE BRAVEST FIGHTERS IN BU-JING-YUN'S ARMY.
SIR, THIS IS IT. THIS IS THE SNOWY SABER.


KLANG KLANG
MASTER DUAN IS FIGHTING IT OUT WITH THE OTHER SLAVE WARRIOR.
WISH
THOUGH A HIGHLY-TRAINED KUNG-FU FIGHTER, THE SLAVE-WARRIOR IS NO MATCH FOR MASTER DUAN.
YOU ARE A GOOD FIGHTER. TELL ME, WHO ARE YOU?
MASTER DUAN FIGHTS WITHOUT EFFORT.
THE FIRST SLAVE-WARRIOR RETREATS AND DOES NOT REPLY. SLAVE OF DEATH HAS ALREADY STEPPED FORWARD TO REPLACE HIM.
DANG

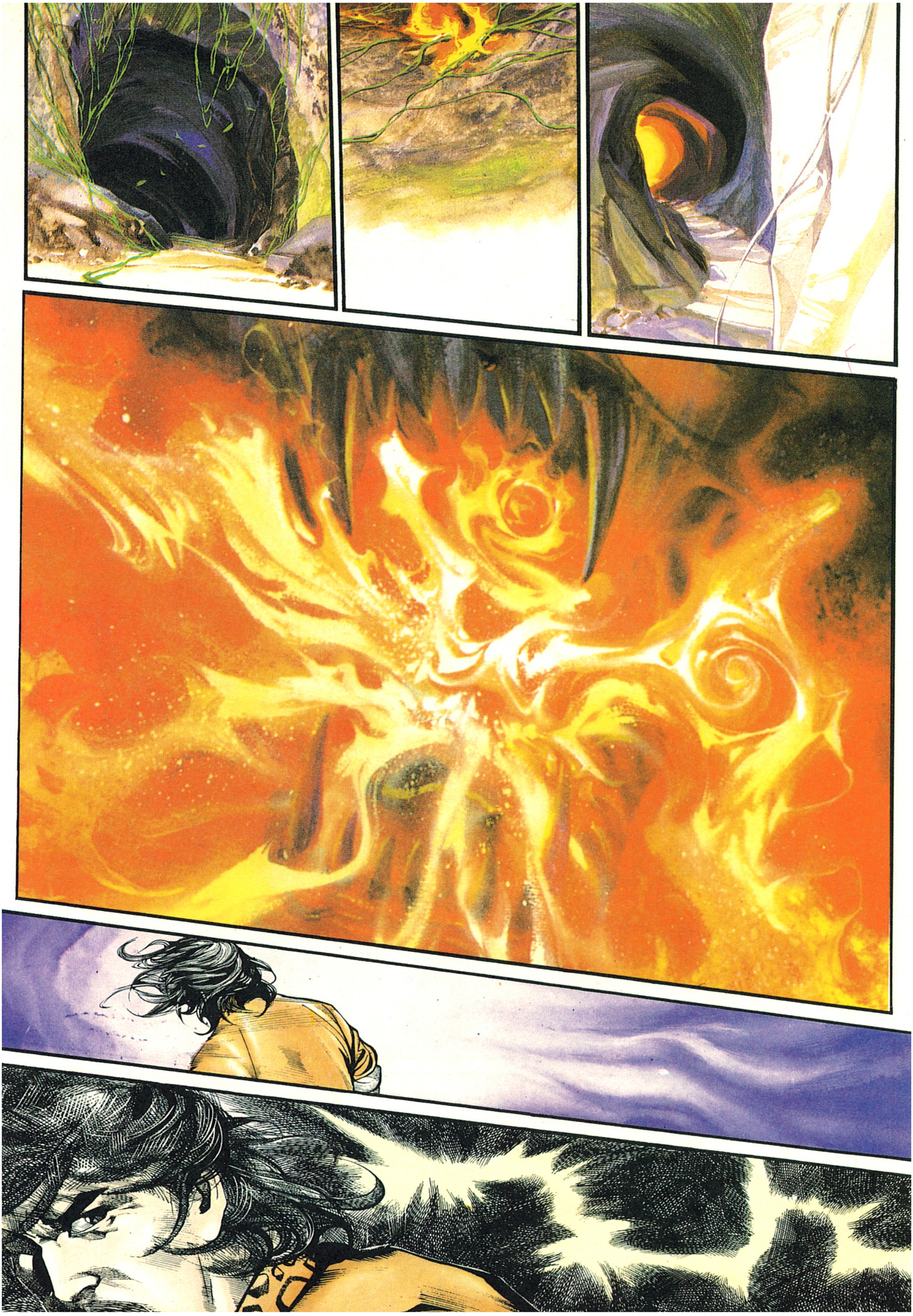

MASTER DUAN IS A FIGHTER WITH ALMOST GOD-LIKE POWER... SLAVE OF DEATH STRUGGLES HARD TO DEFEND HIMSELF.
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE! YOU ARE THE "DRAGON PAIR".
MASTER DUAN'S ATTACK IS SO FEROCIOUS THAT IT SENDS SLAVE OF DEATH ROLLING TOWARDS MASTER NIE.
THESE PEOPLE KNOW HOW TO FIGHT! I WILL KILL THE WEAKEST FIRST, AND DEAL WITH THE OTHERS LATER.
MASTER NIE AIMS HIS BLOWS CAREFULLY... HE AIMS FOR THE SIX SPOTS ON THE BODY, THE SPOTS THAT KILL.
WRONG! MASTER DUAN. THEY ARE NOT THE "DRAGON PAIR". THEY ARE HUMBLE SLAVES OBLIGED TO KEEP QUIET IN THE PRESENCE OF THEIR MASTER.

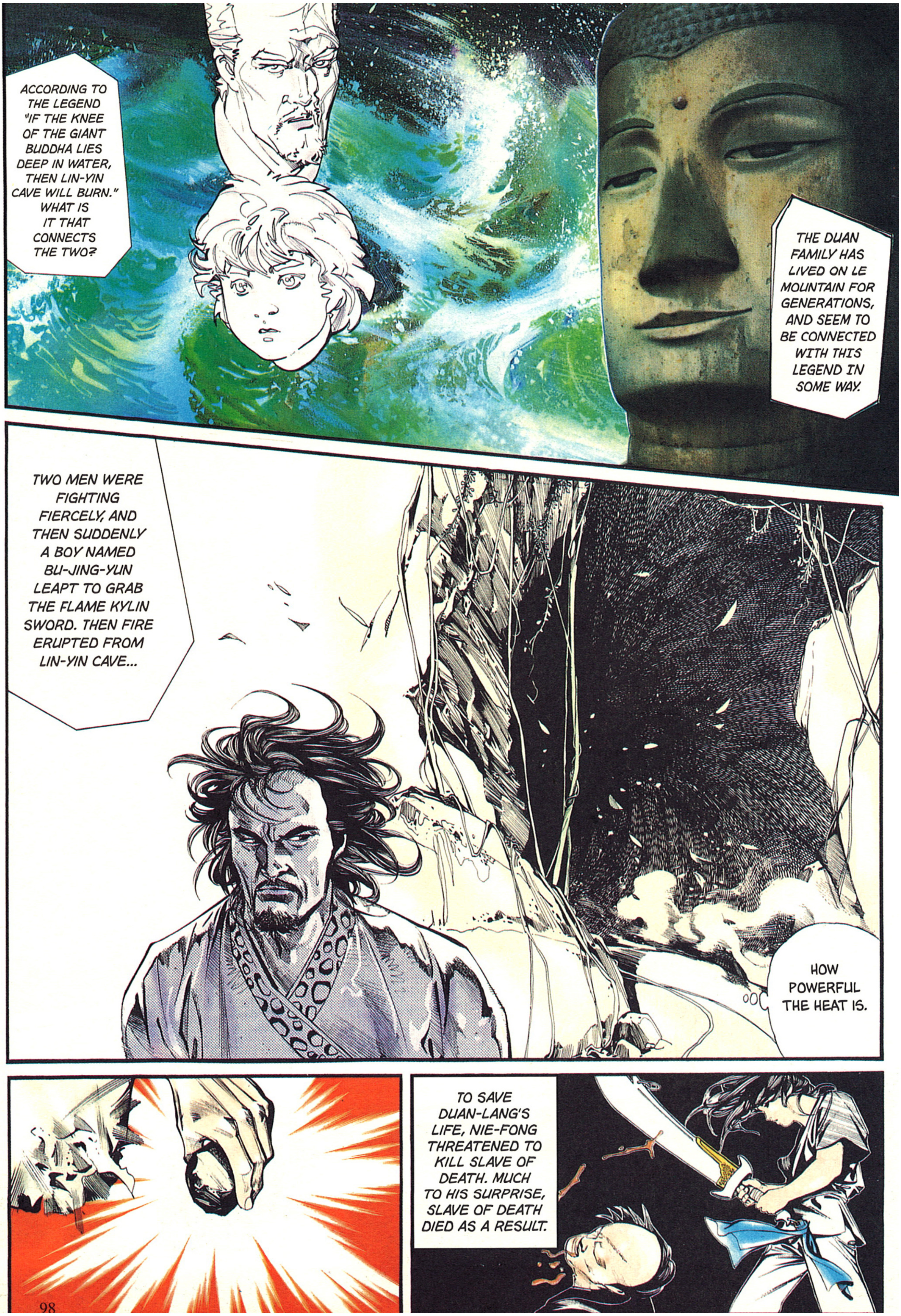

COME THEN! GIVE ME YOUR FLAME KYLIN SWORD.
DAD, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!
BOY! IT IS BEST THAT YOU KEEP QUIET...
SON!
LET DUAN-LANG GO OR HE DIES!
WHAT A FIGHTER!! SLAVE OF DEATH NEARLY KICKS HIM TO DEATH, YET HE RUNS AROUND AS IF NOTHING'S HAPPENED.
NIE-FONG PICKS UP HIS SNOWY SABER AND PLACES IT AGAINST SLAVE OF DEATH'S NECK.

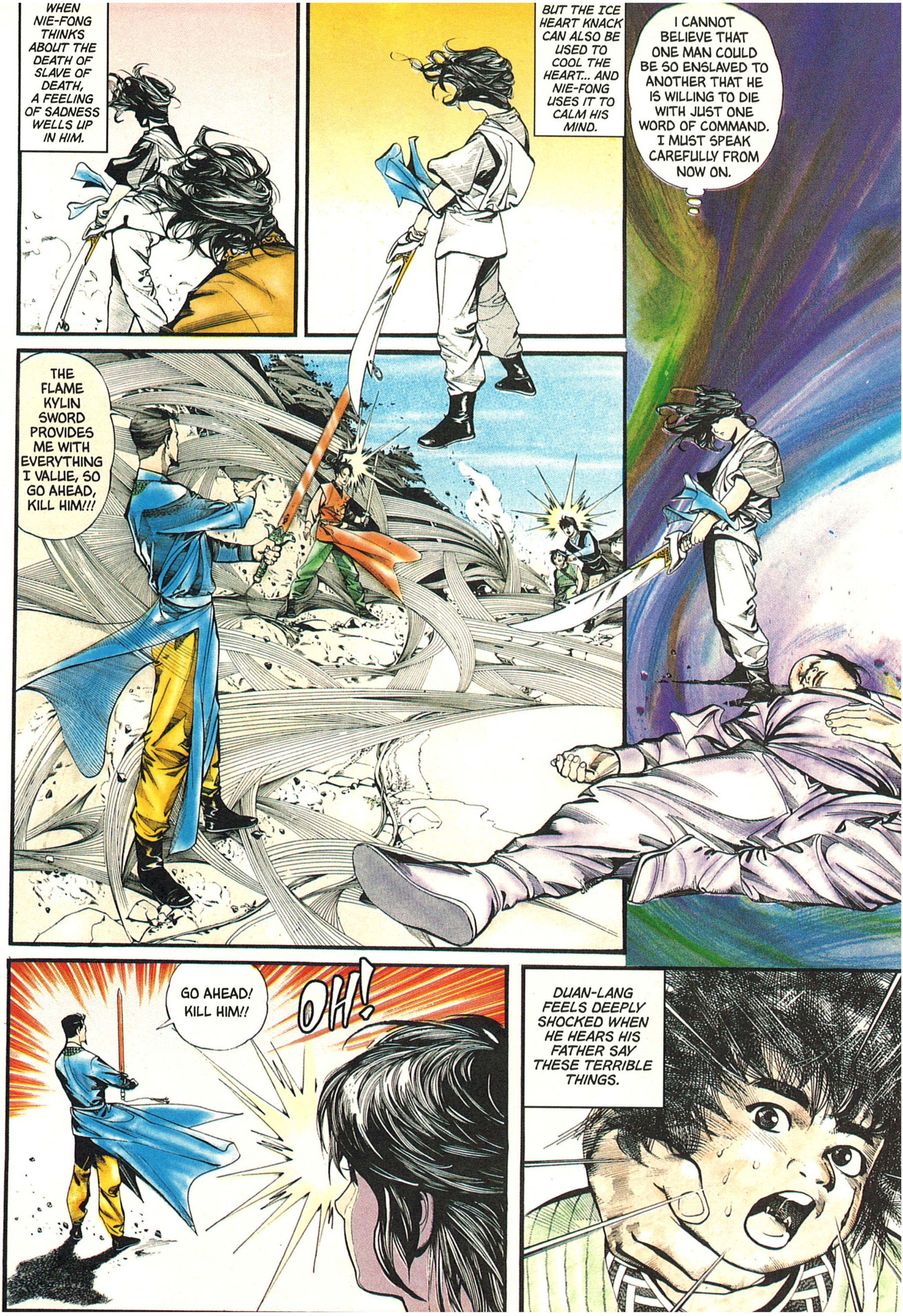

MY COMMANDS ARE THE COMMANDS OF YOUR MASTER AND THE LEADER OF YOUR CLAN, RIGHT?
YES, MASTER.
GOOD. I WISH YOU TO KILL YOURSELF.
YES SIR!
SLAVE OF DEATH DOES NOT HESITATE... HE DROPS HIS HEAD AND THROWS HIMSELF ON THE SABER... HE MUST OBEY HIS MASTER, EVEN IF IT MEANS DYING.

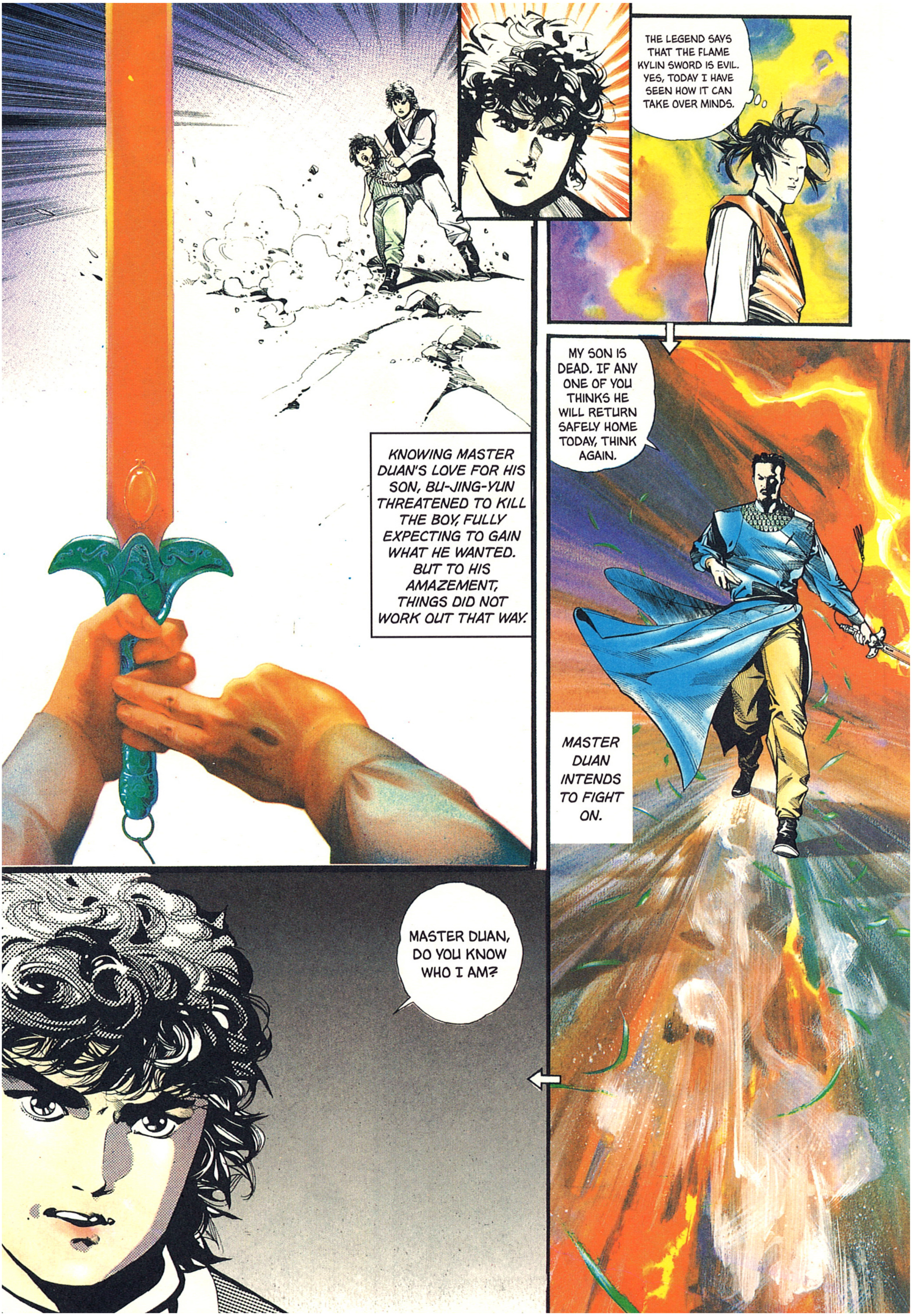

HIP HIP
IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT BU-JING-YUN HAS GIVEN AN ORDER AS GRISLY AS THIS. HE IS FULL OF JOY...HE KNOWS NOW HOW MUCH POWER HIS WORDS CARRY.
NIE-FONG IS LOOKING AT THE BLOODY SWORD, HE IS TREMBLING WITH SURPRISE AND SHOCK.
WHY? ONE WORD AND THEN HE IS KILLED...
THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD PROVIDES ME WITH EVERYTHING I VALUE IN LIFE... WEALTH, HONOR, AND RESPECT. SO GO AHEAD, KILL HIM IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT.
EVERYONE IS ASTONISHED -- MASTER DUAN'S ATTACHMENT TO HIS SWORD IS STRONGER THAN THE TIES OF BLOOD.
END OF CHAPTER 3

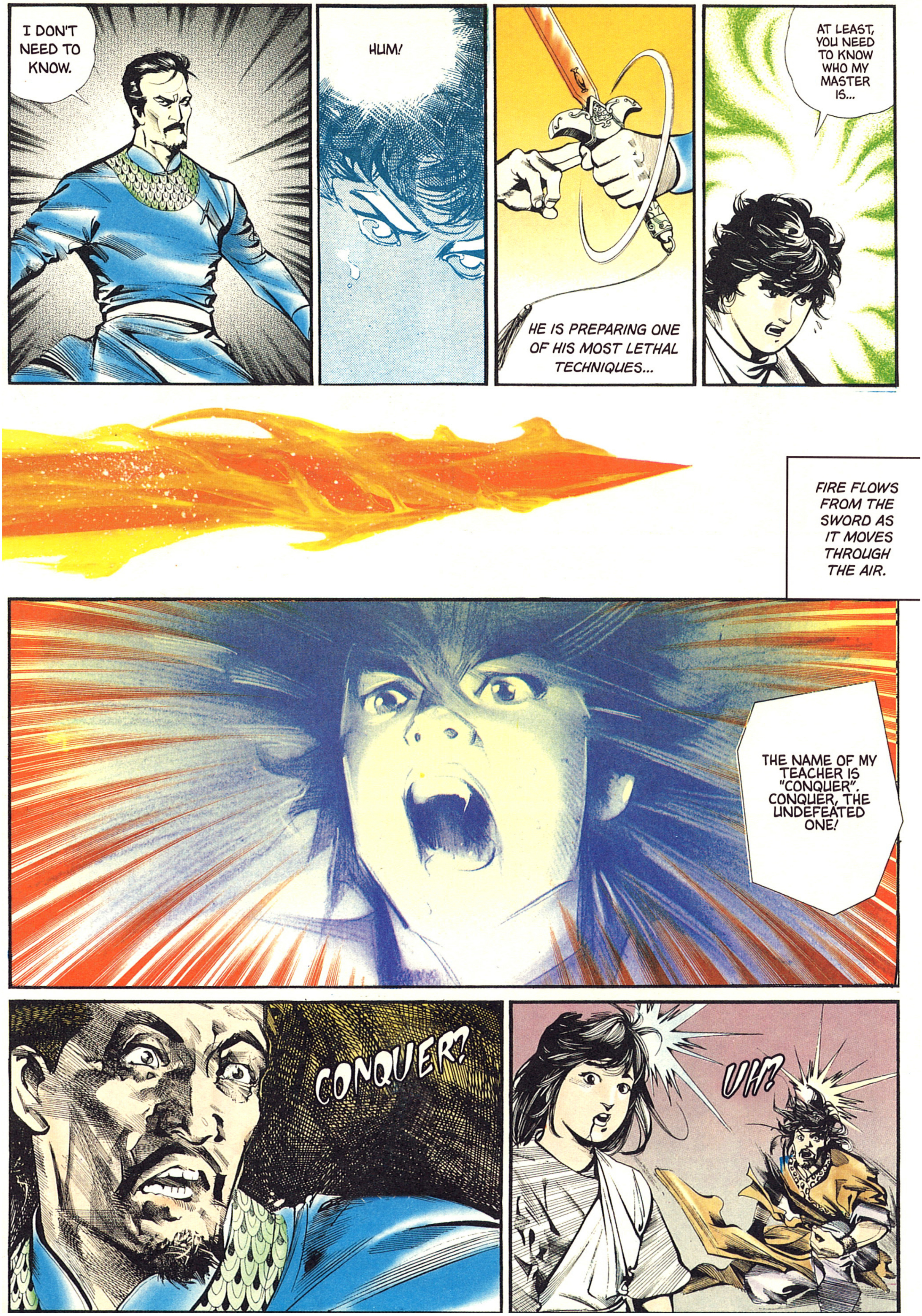
Chapter 4: Fire in Lin-Yin Cave

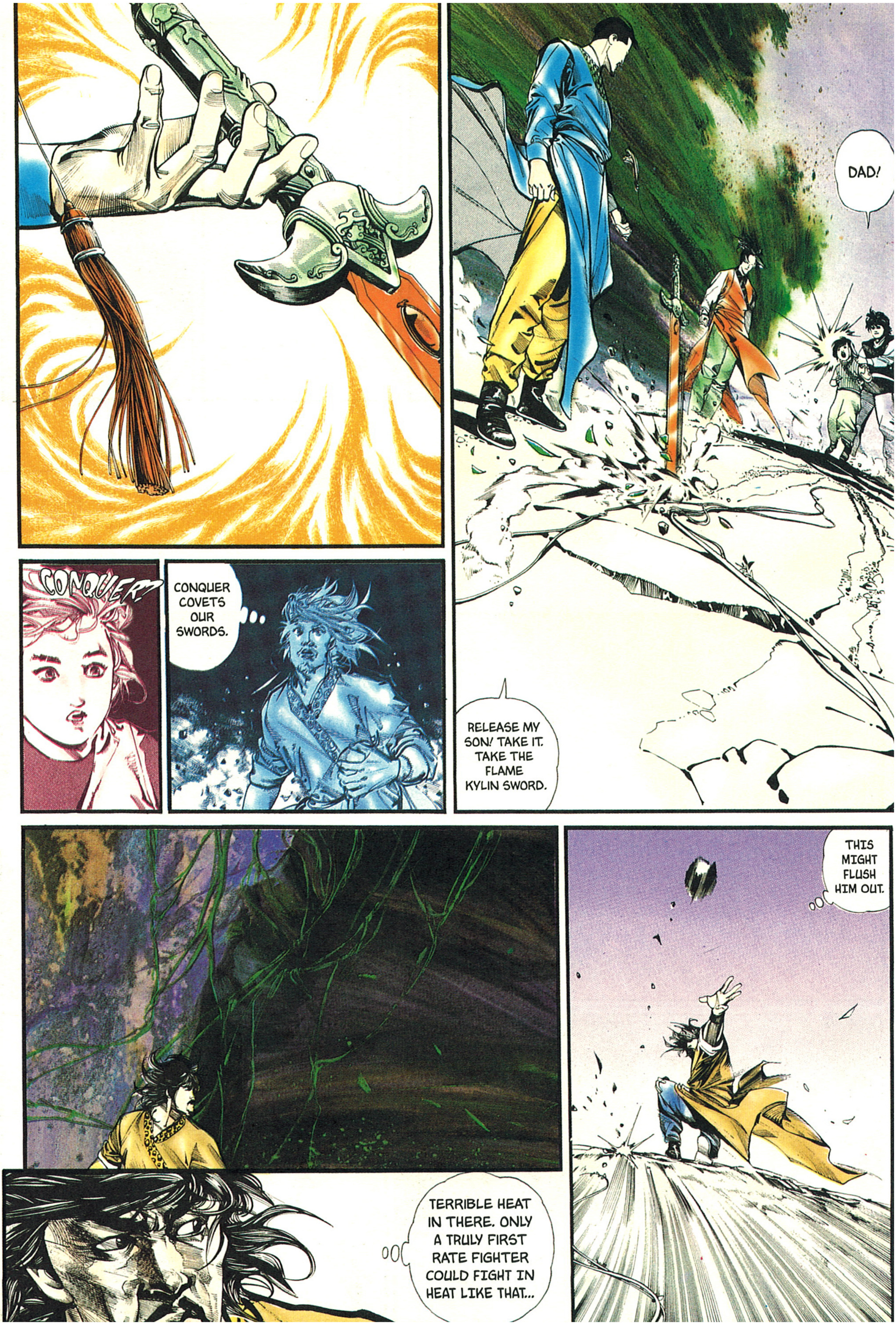


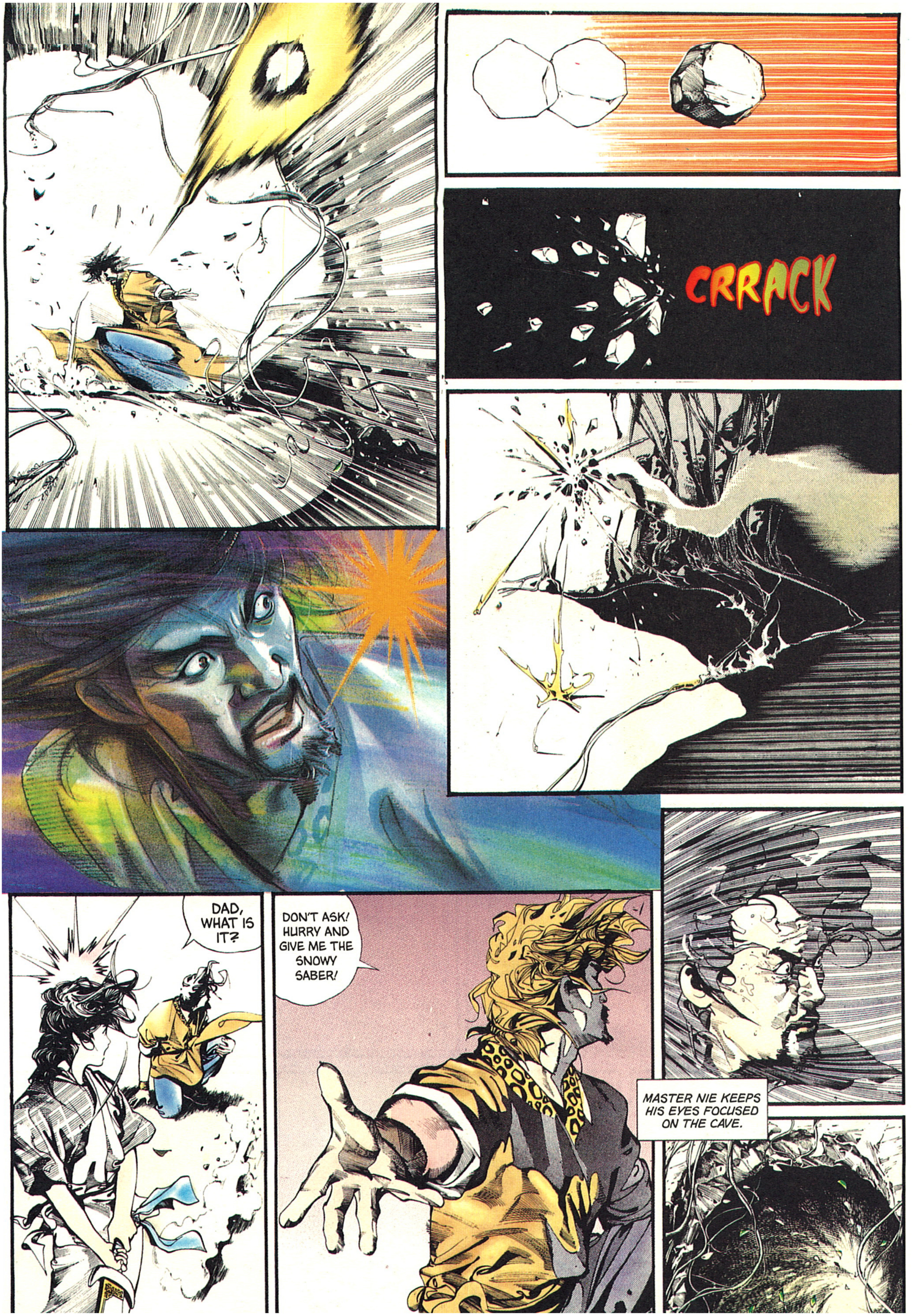

ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND "IF THE KNEE OF THE GIANT BUDDHA LIES DEEP IN WATER, THEN LIN-YIN CAVE WILL BURN." WHAT IS IT THAT CONNECTS THE TWO?
THE DUAN FAMILY HAS LIVED ON LE MOUNTAIN FOR GENERATIONS, AND SEEM TO BE CONNECTED WITH THIS LEGEND IN SOME WAY.
TWO MEN WERE FIGHTING FIERCELY, AND THEN SUDDENLY A BOY NAMED BU-JING-YUN LEAPT TO GRAB THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD. THEN FIRE ERUPTED FROM LIN-YIN CAVE...
HOW POWERFUL THE HEAT IS.
TO SAVE DUAN-LANG'S LIFE, NIE-FONG THREATENED TO KILL SLAVE OF DEATH. MUCH TO HIS SURPRISE, SLAVE OF DEATH DIED AS A RESULT.

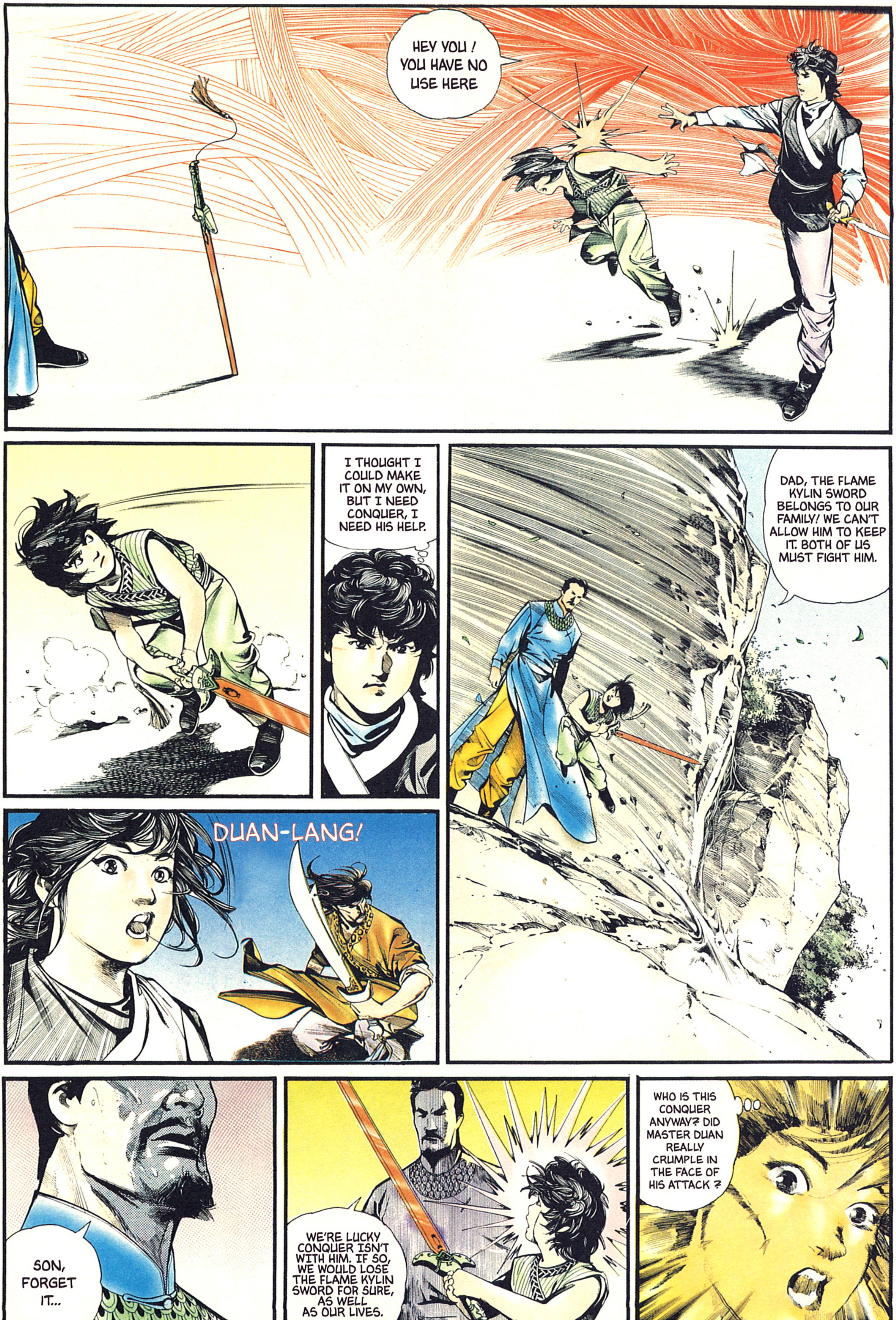

WHEN NIE-FONG THINKS ABOUT THE DEATH OF SLAVE OF DEATH, A FEELING OF SADNESS WELLS UP IN HIM.
BUT THE ICE HEART KNACK CAN ALSO BE USED TO COOL THE HEART... AND NIE-FONG USES IT TO CALM HIS MIND.
I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT ONE MAN COULD BE SO ENSLAVED TO ANOTHER THAT HE IS WILLING TO DIE WITH JUST ONE WORD OF COMMAND. I MUST SPEAK CAREFULLY FROM NOW ON.
THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD PROVIDES ME WITH EVERYTHING I VALUE, SO GO AHEAD, KILL HIM!!!
GO AHEAD! KILL HIM!!
OH!
DUAN-LANG FEELS DEEPLY SHOCKED WHEN HE HEARS HIS FATHER SAY THESE TERRIBLE THINGS.

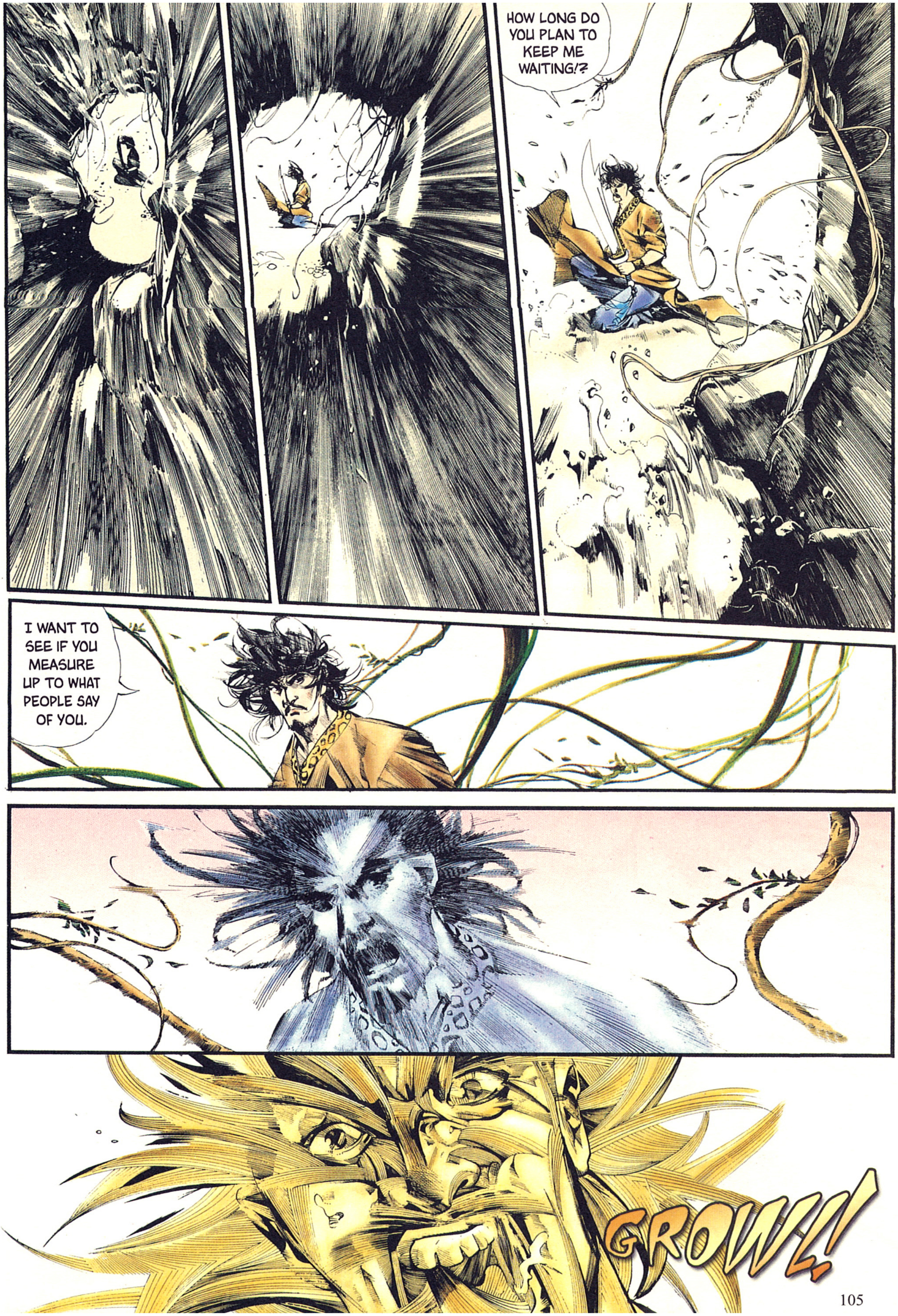

KNOWING MASTER DUAN'S LOVE FOR HIS SON, BU-JING-YUN THREATENED TO KILL THE BOY, FULLY EXPECTING TO GAIN WHAT HE WANTED. BUT TO HIS AMAZEMENT, THINGS DID NOT WORK OUT THAT WAY.
THE LEGEND SAYS THAT THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD IS EVIL. YES, TODAY I HAVE SEEN HOW IT CAN TAKE OVER MINDS.
MY SON IS DEAD. IF ANY ONE OF YOU THINKS HE WILL RETURN SAFELY HOME TODAY, THINK AGAIN.
MASTER DUAN INTENDS TO FIGHT ON.
MASTER DUAN, DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

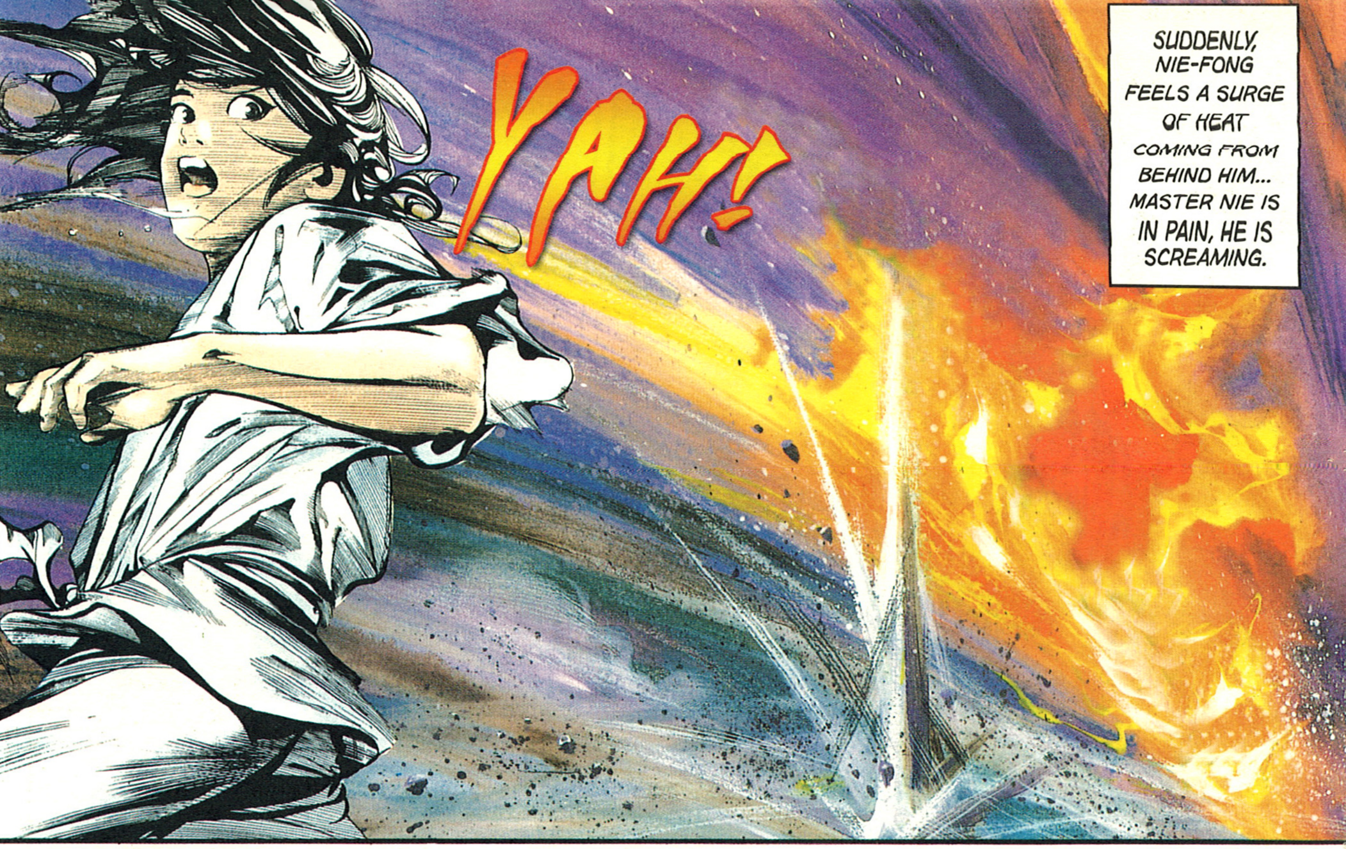

I DON'T NEED TO KNOW.
HUM!
HE IS PREPARING ONE OF HIS MOST LETHAL TECHNIQUES...
AT LEAST, YOU NEED TO KNOW WHO MY MASTER IS...
FIRE FLOWS FROM THE SWORD AS IT MOVES THROUGH THE AIR.
THE NAME OF MY TEACHER IS "CONQUER". CONQUER, THE UNDEFEATED ONE!
CONQUER?!
UH?!

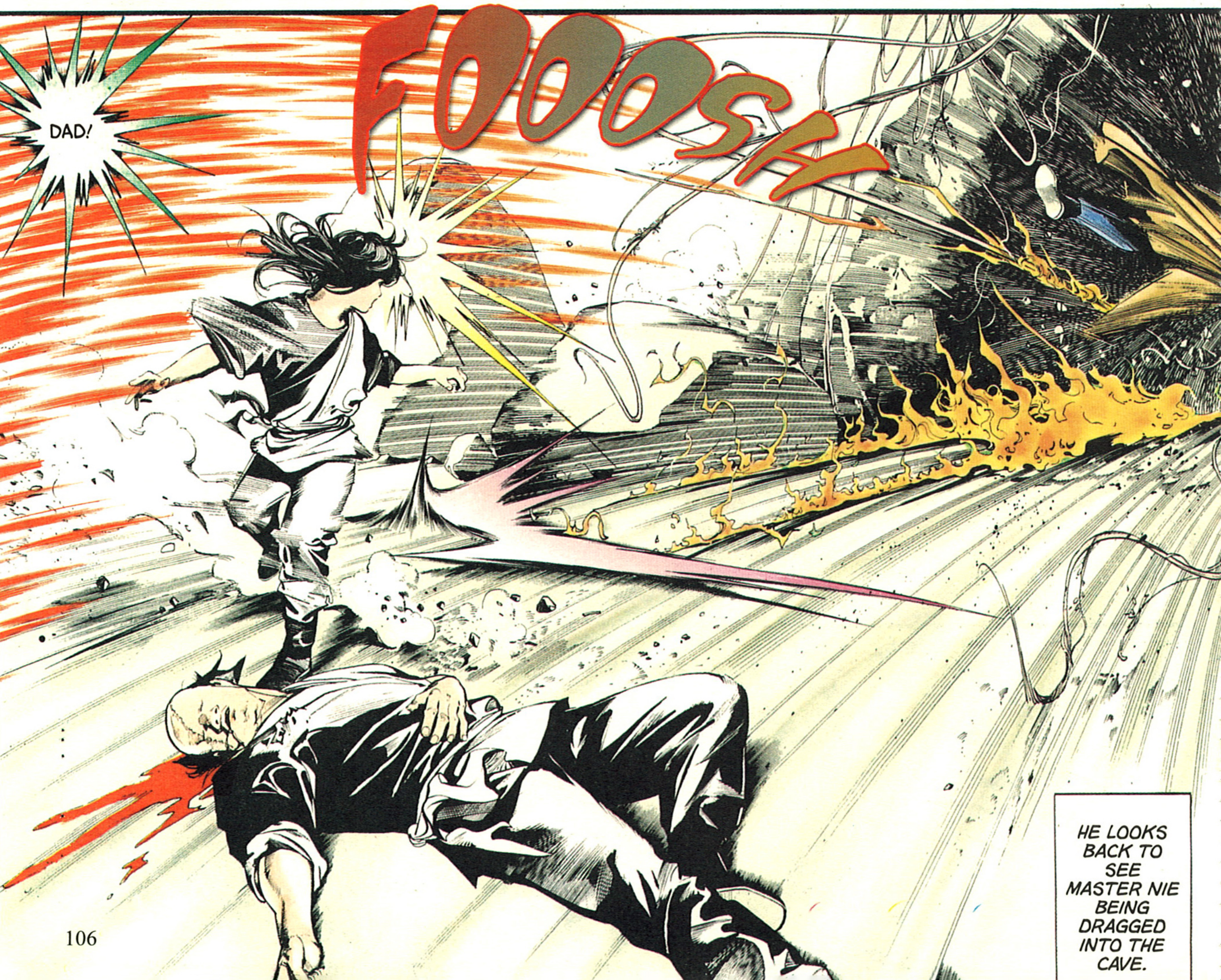

DAD!
CONQUER?!
CONQUER COVETS OUR SWORDS.
RELEASE MY SON! TAKE IT. TAKE THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD.
TERRIBLE HEAT IN THERE. ONLY A TRULY FIRST RATE FIGHTER COULD FIGHT IN HEAT LIKE THAT...
THIS MIGHT FLUSH HIM OUT.

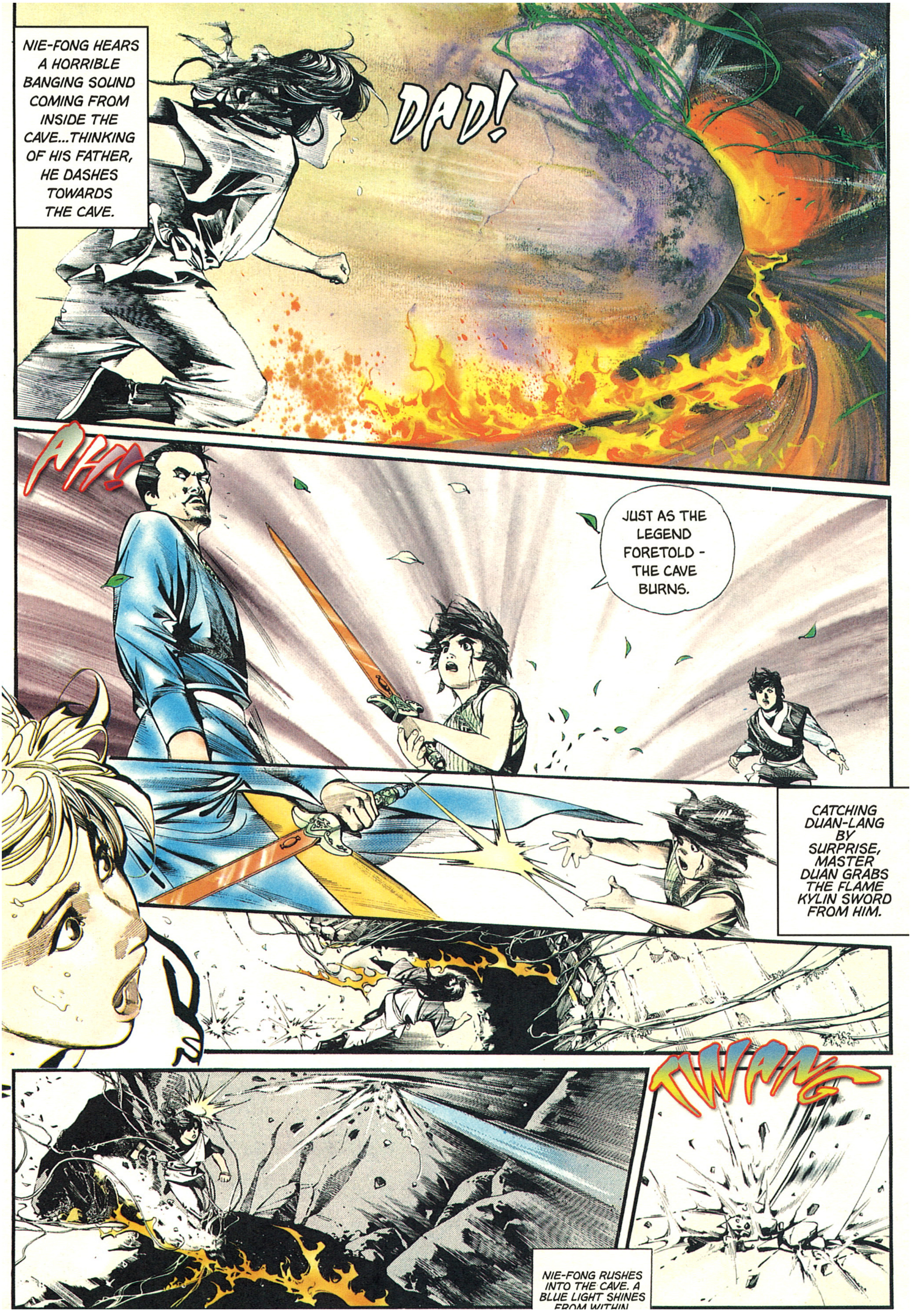

CRRACK
DAD, WHAT IS IT?
DON'T ASK! HURRY AND GIVE ME THE SNOWY SABER!
MASTER NIE KEEPS HIS EYES FOCUSED ON THE CAVE.

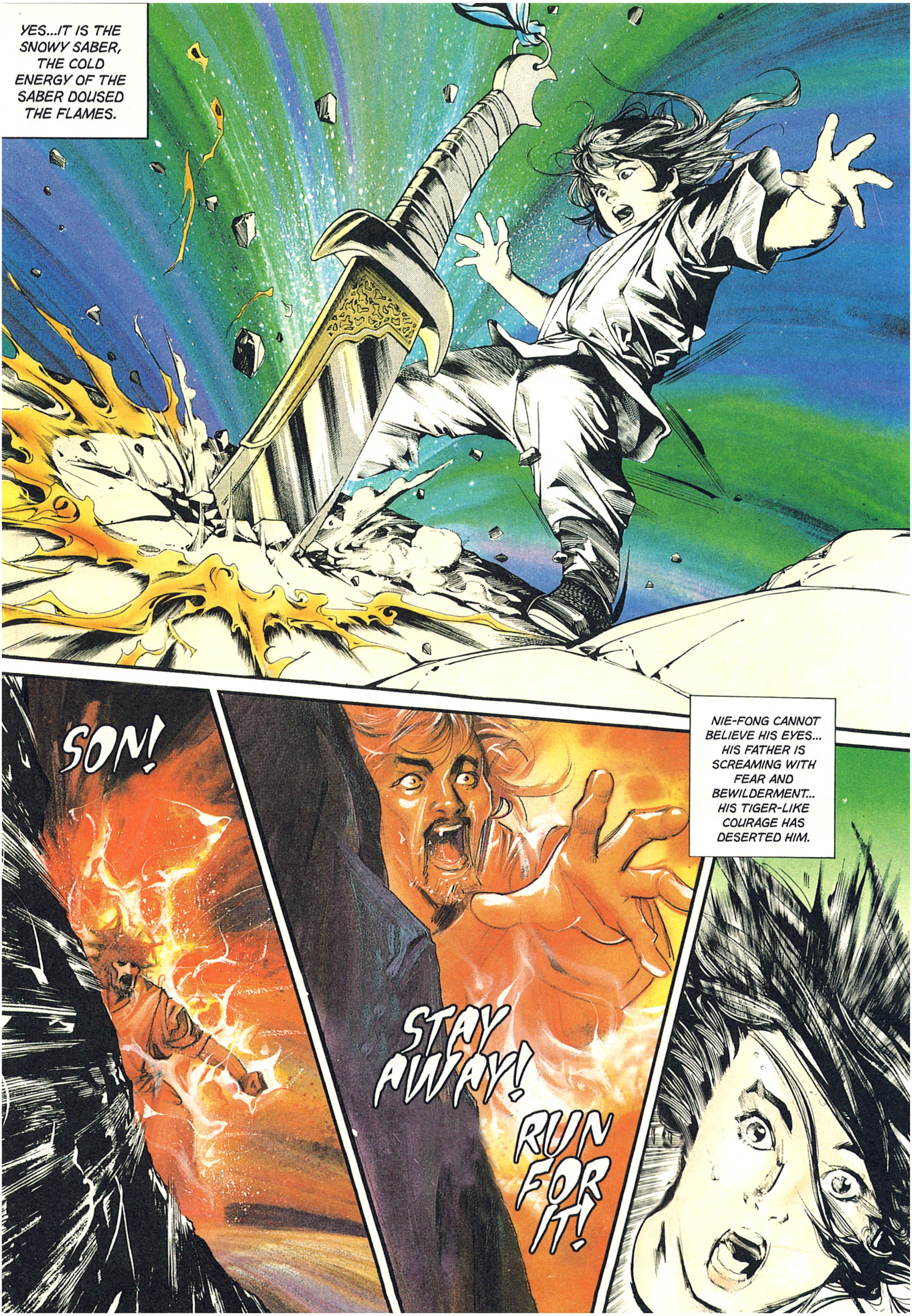

HEY YOU ! YOU HAVE NO USE HERE
I THOUGHT I COULD MAKE IT ON MY OWN, BUT I NEED CONQUER, I NEED HIS HELP.
DAD, THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD BELONGS TO OUR FAMILY! WE CAN'T ALLOW HIM TO KEEP IT. BOTH OF US MUST FIGHT HIM.
DUAN-LANG!
SON, FORGET IT...
WE'RE LUCKY CONQUER ISN'T WITH HIM. IF SO, WE WOULD LOSE THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD FOR SURE, AS WELL AS OUR LIVES.
WHO IS THIS CONQUER ANYWAY? DID MASTER DUAN REALLY CRUMPLE IN THE FACE OF HIS ATTACK ?

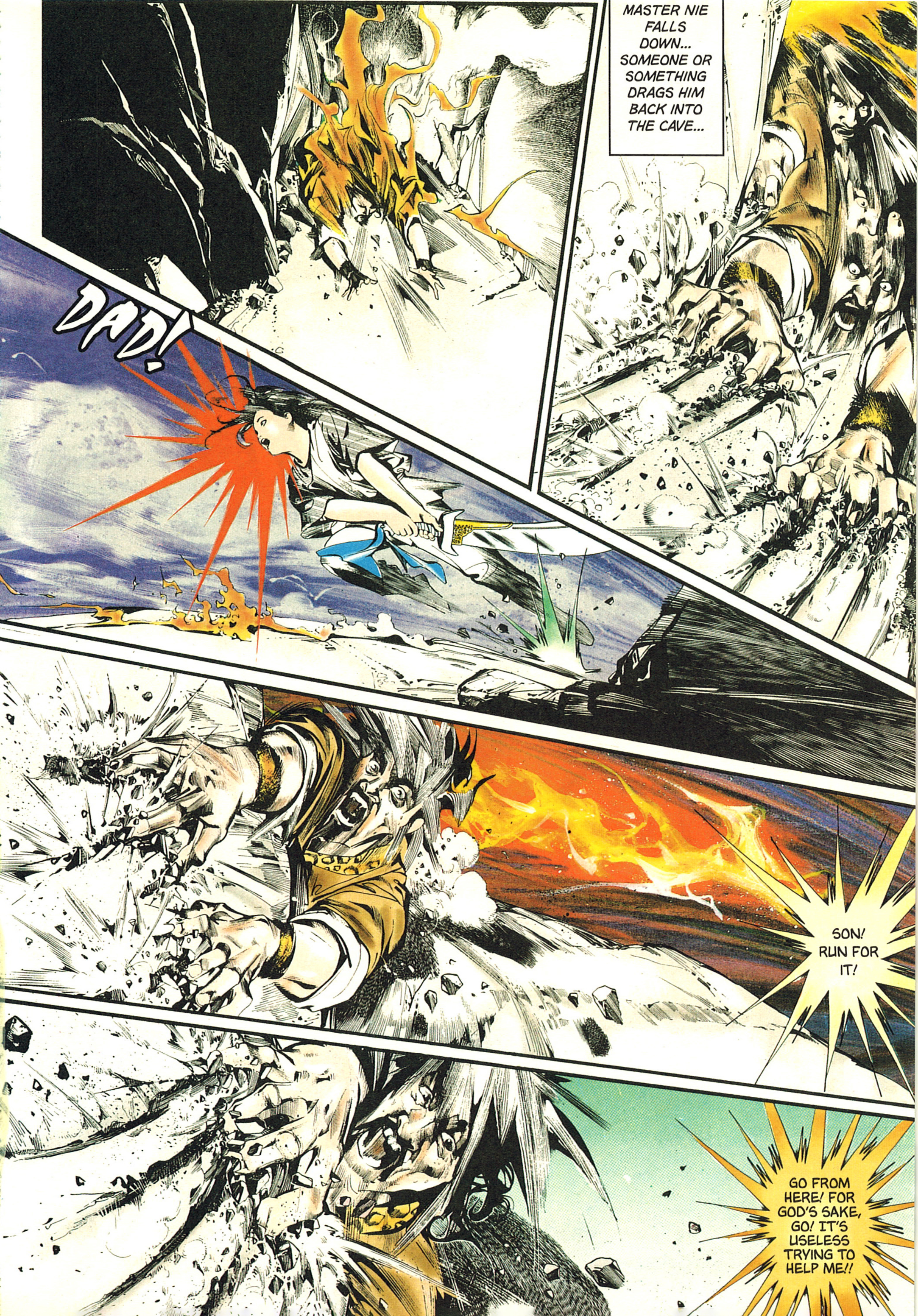

HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO KEEP ME WAITING!?
I WANT TO SEE IF YOU MEASURE UP TO WHAT PEOPLE SAY OF YOU.
GROWL!

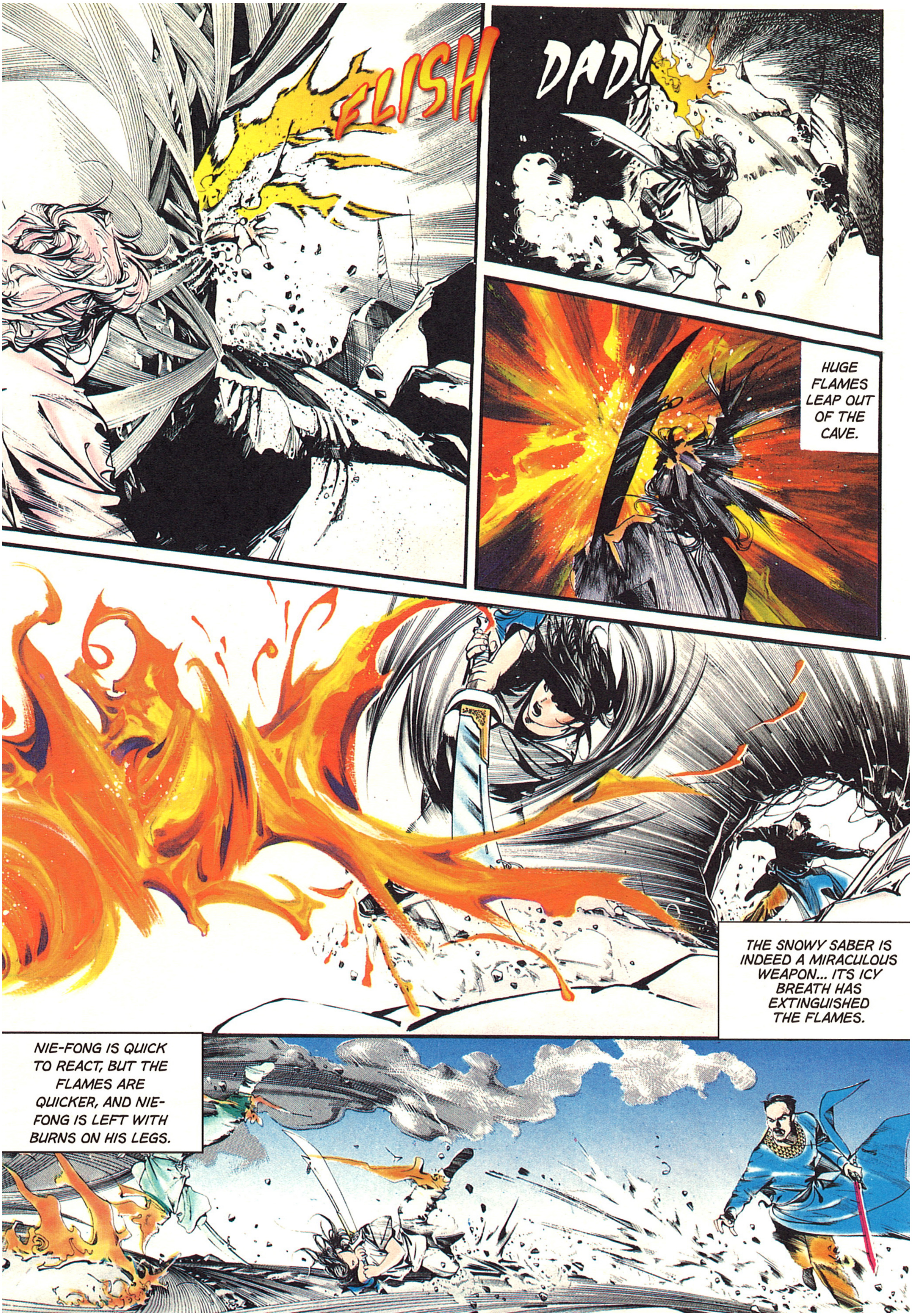

SUDDENLY, NIE-FONG FEELS A SURGE OF HEAT COMING FROM BEHIND HIM... MASTER NIE IS IN PAIN, HE IS SCREAMING.
YAH!

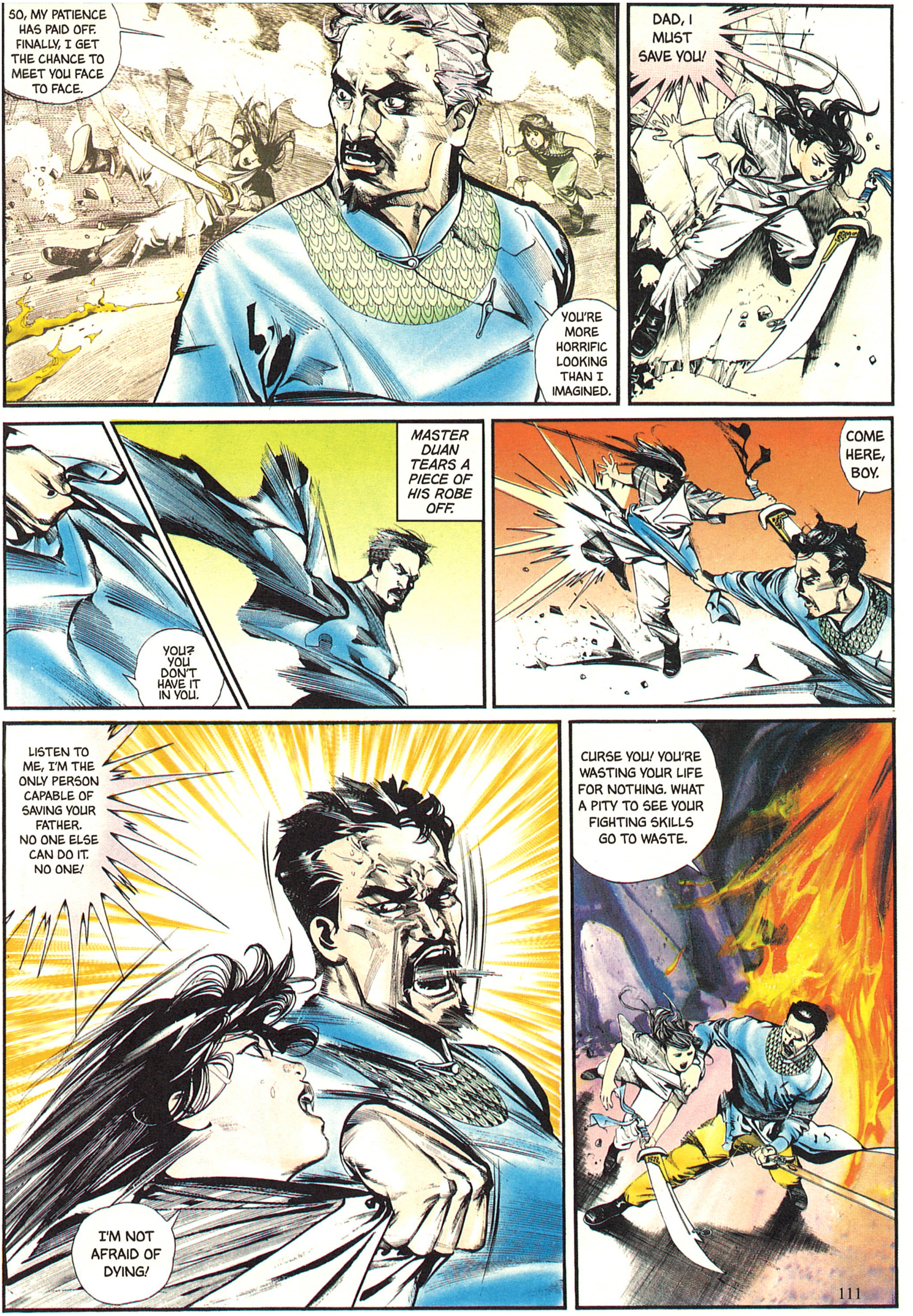

FOOOSH
DAD!
HE LOOKS BACK TO SEE MASTER NIE BEING DRAGGED INTO THE CAVE.

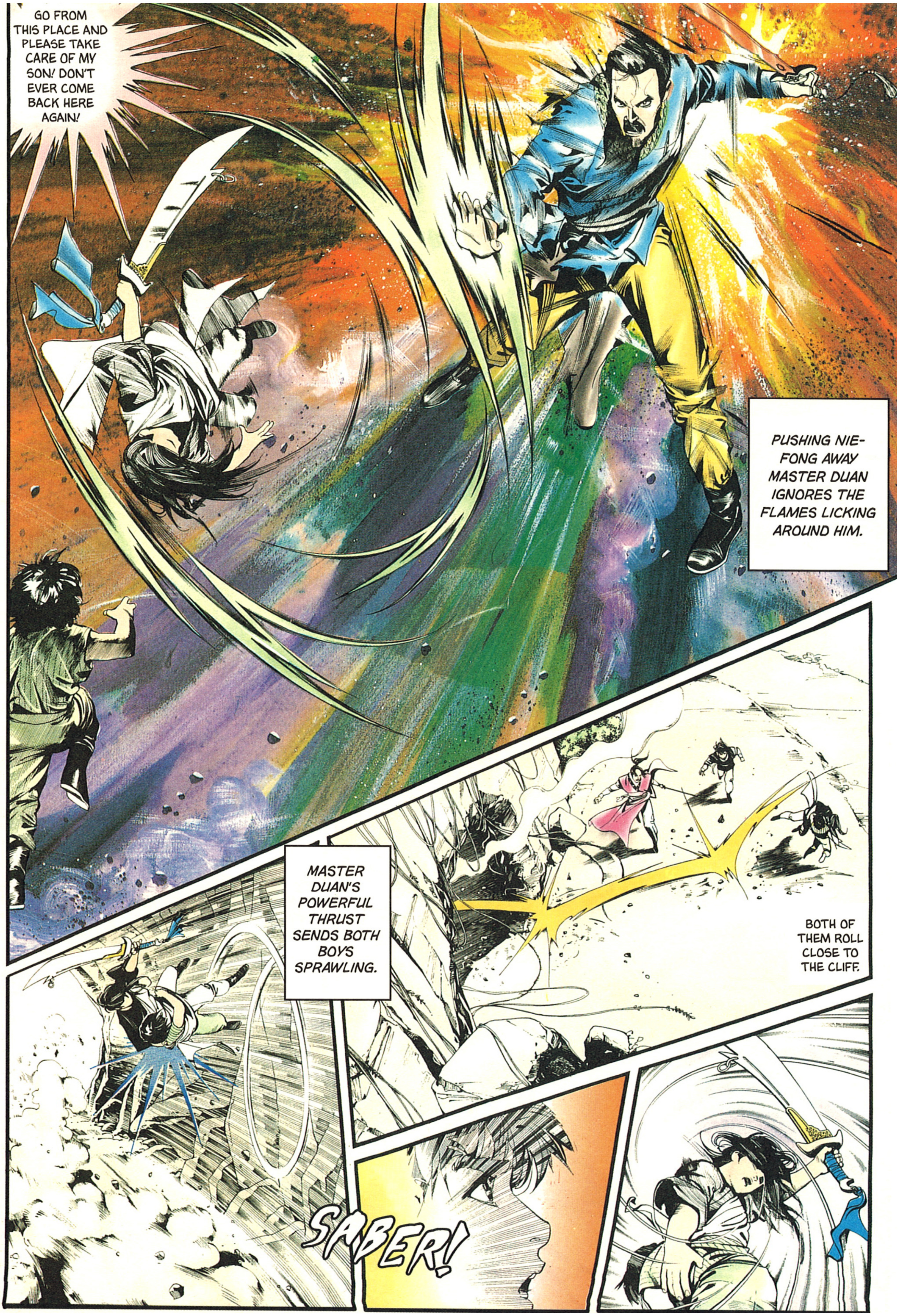

NIE-FONG HEARS A HORRIBLE BANGING SOUND COMING FROM INSIDE THE CAVE...THINKING OF HIS FATHER, HE DASHES TOWARDS THE CAVE.
DAD!
AH!
JUST AS THE LEGEND FORETOLD - THE CAVE BURNS.
CATCHING DUAN-LANG BY SURPRISE, MASTER DUAN GRABS THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD FROM HIM.
TWANG
NIE-FONG RUSHES INTO THE CAVE. A BLUE LIGHT SHINES FROM WITHIN

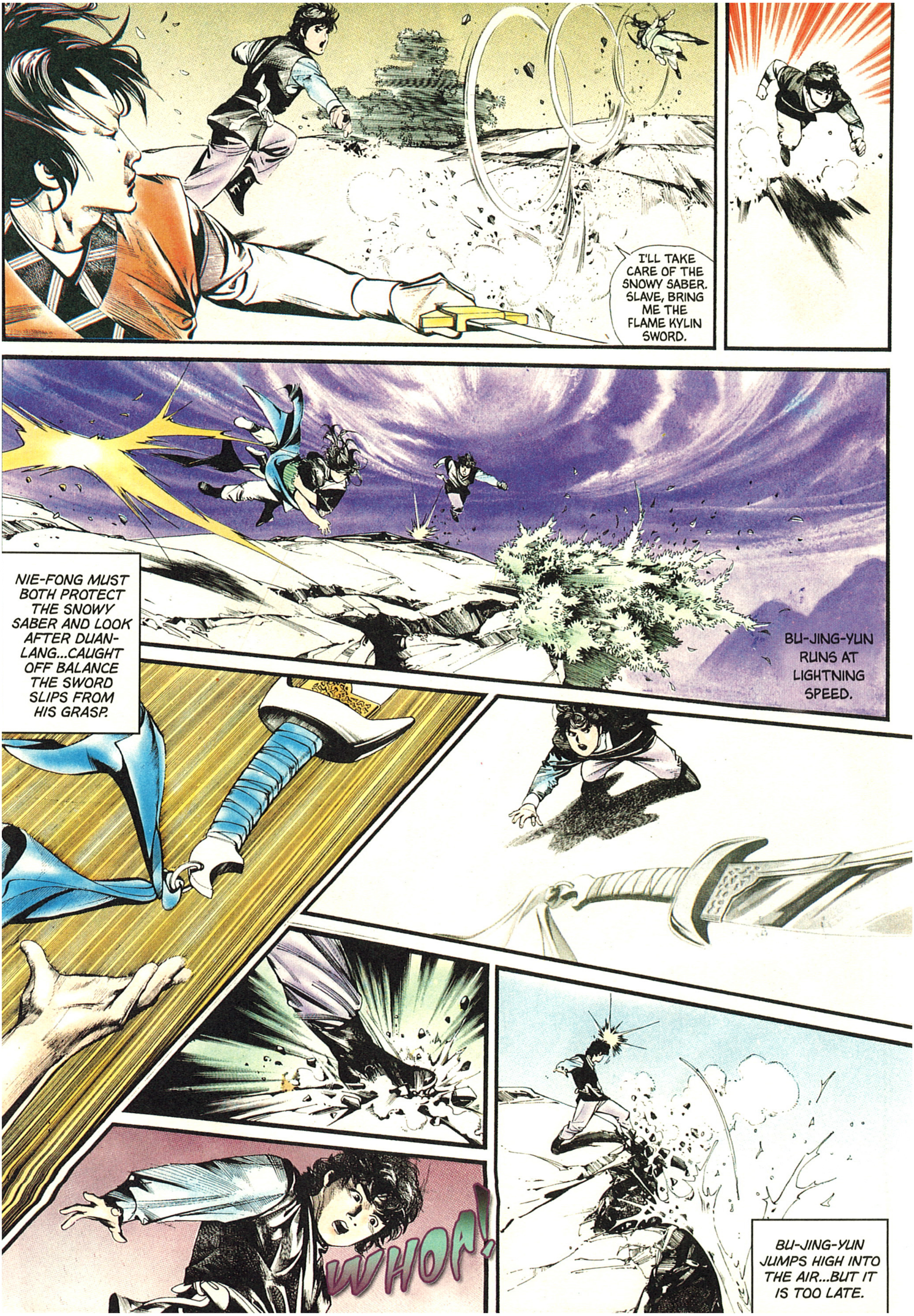

YES...IT IS THE SNOWY SABER, THE COLD ENERGY OF THE SABER DOUSED THE FLAMES.
NIE-FONG CANNOT BELIEVE HIS EYES... HIS FATHER IS SCREAMING WITH FEAR AND BEWILDERMENT... HIS TIGER-LIKE COURAGE HAS DESERTED HIM.
SON!
STAY AWAY!
RUN FOR IT!

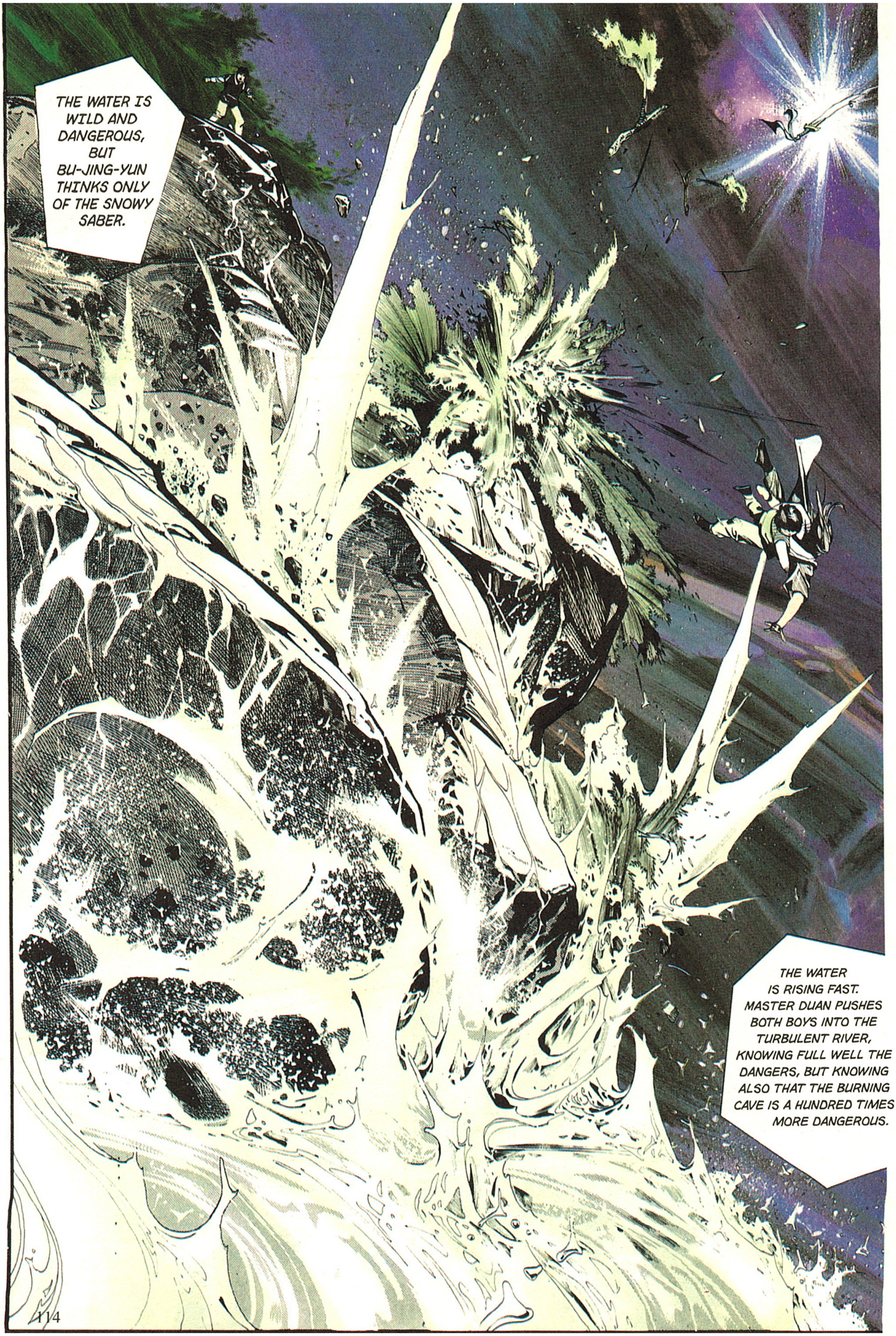

MASTER NIE FALLS DOWN... SOMEONE OR SOMETHING DRAGS HIM BACK INTO THE CAVE...
DAD!
SON! RUN FOR IT!
GO FROM HERE! FOR GOD'S SAKE, GO! IT'S USELESS TRYING TO HELP ME!!

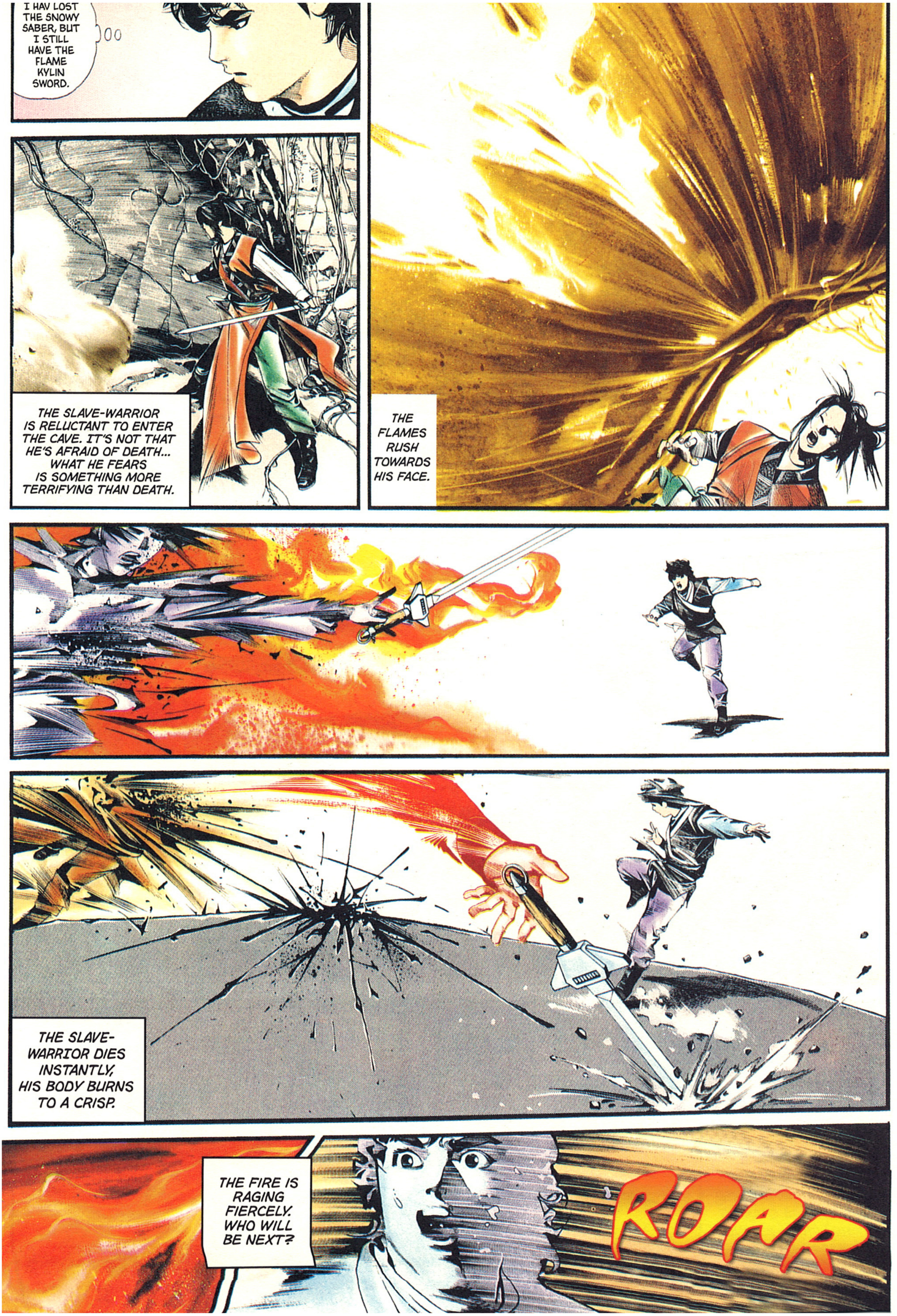

FLISH
DAD!
HUGE FLAMES LEAP OUT OF THE CAVE.
THE SNOWY SABER IS INDEED A MIRACULOUS WEAPON... ITS ICY BREATH HAS EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES.
NIE-FONG IS QUICK TO REACT, BUT THE FLAMES ARE QUICKER, AND NIE-FONG IS LEFT WITH BURNS ON HIS LEGS.

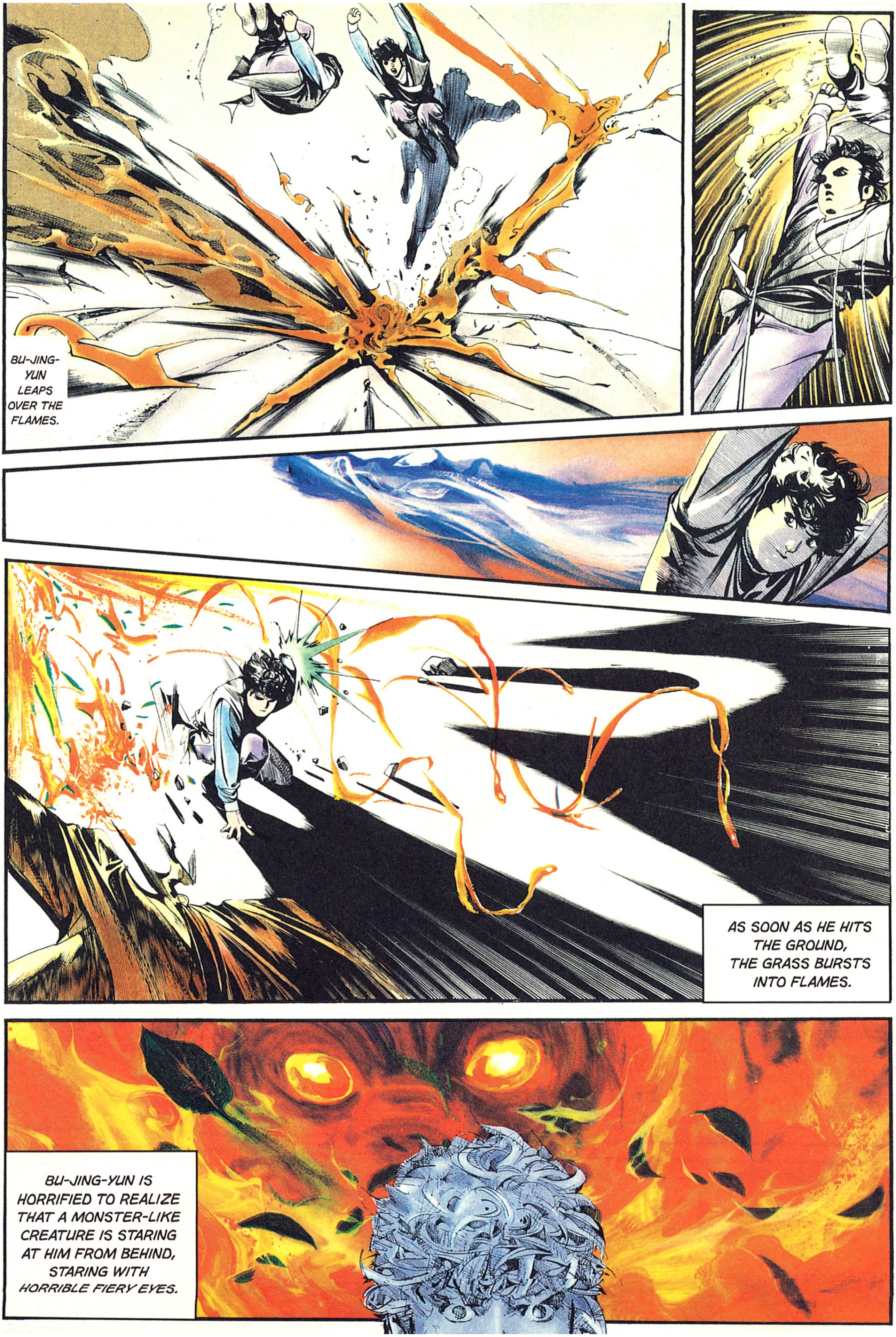

SO, MY PATIENCE HAS PAID OFF. FINALLY, I GET THE CHANCE TO MEET YOU FACE TO FACE.
YOU'RE MORE HORRIFIC LOOKING THAN I IMAGINED.
DAD, I MUST SAVE YOU!
MASTER DUAN TEARS A PIECE OF HIS ROBE OFF.
YOU? YOU DON'T HAVE IT IN YOU.
COME HERE, BOY.
LISTEN TO ME, I'M THE ONLY PERSON CAPABLE OF SAVING YOUR FATHER. NO ONE ELSE CAN DO IT. NO ONE!
I'M NOT AFRAID OF DYING!
CURSE YOU! YOU'RE WASTING YOUR LIFE FOR NOTHING. WHAT A PITY TO SEE YOUR FIGHTING SKILLS GO TO WASTE.

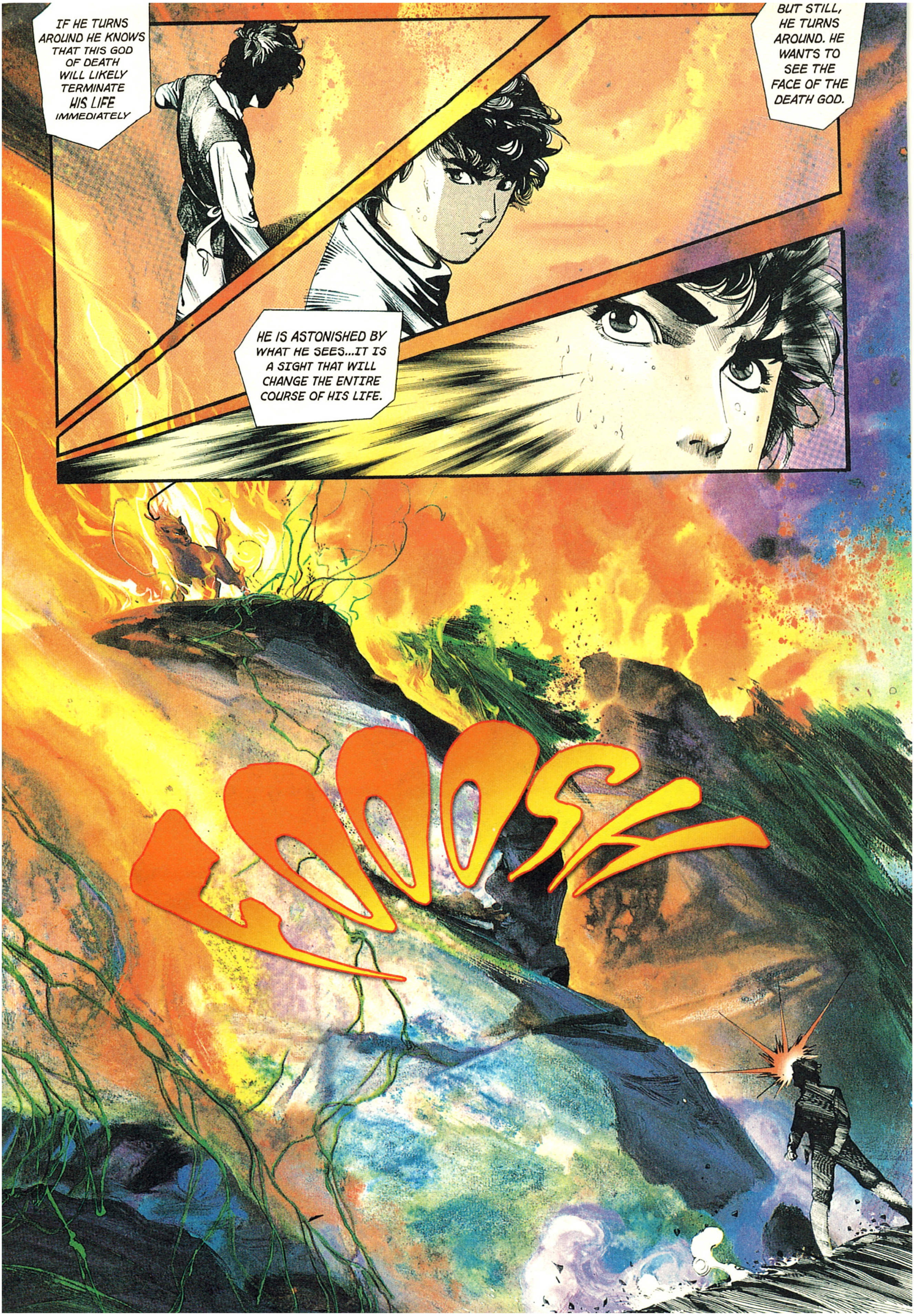

GO FROM THIS PLACE AND PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MY SON! DON'T EVER COME BACK HERE AGAIN!
PUSHING NIE-FONG AWAY MASTER DUAN IGNORES THE FLAMES LICKING AROUND HIM.
MASTER DUAN'S POWERFUL THRUST SENDS BOTH BOYS SPRAWLING.
BOTH OF THEM ROLL CLOSE TO THE CLIFF.
SABER!


I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE SNOWY SABER. SLAVE, BRING ME THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD.
NIE-FONG MUST BOTH PROTECT THE SNOWY SABER AND LOOK AFTER DUAN-LANG...CAUGHT OFF BALANCE THE SWORD SLIPS FROM HIS GRASP.
BU-JING-YUN RUNS AT LIGHTNING SPEED.
WHOA!
BU-JING-YUN JUMPS HIGH INTO THE AIR...BUT IT IS TOO LATE.


THE WATER IS WILD AND DANGEROUS, BUT BU-JING-YUN THINKS ONLY OF THE SNOWY SABER.
THE WATER IS RISING FAST. MASTER DUAN PUSHES BOTH BOYS INTO THE TURBULENT RIVER, KNOWING FULL WELL THE DANGERS, BUT KNOWING ALSO THAT THE BURNING CAVE IS A HUNDRED TIMES MORE DANGEROUS.


I HAV LOST THE SNOWY SABER, BUT I STILL HAVE THE FLAME KYLIN SWORD.
THE SLAVE-WARRIOR IS RELUCTANT TO ENTER THE CAVE. IT'S NOT THAT HE'S AFRAID OF DEATH... WHAT HE FEARS IS SOMETHING MORE TERRIFYING THAN DEATH.
THE FLAMES RUSH TOWARDS HIS FACE.
THE SLAVE-WARRIOR DIES INSTANTLY, HIS BODY BURNS TO A CRISP.
THE FIRE IS RAGING FIERCELY. WHO WILL BE NEXT?
ROAR


BU-JING-YUN LEAPS OVER THE FLAMES.
AS SOON AS HE HITS THE GROUND, THE GRASS BURSTS INTO FLAMES.
BU-JING-YUN IS HORRIFIED TO REALIZE THAT A MONSTER-LIKE CREATURE IS STARING AT HIM FROM BEHIND, STARING WITH HORRIBLE FIERY EYES.


IF HE TURNS AROUND HE KNOWS THAT THIS GOD OF DEATH WILL LIKELY TERMINATE HIS LIFE IMMEDIATELY
BUT STILL, HE TURNS AROUND. HE WANTS TO SEE THE FACE OF THE DEATH GOD.
HE IS ASTONISHED BY WHAT HE SEES...IT IS A SIGHT THAT WILL CHANGE THE ENTIRE COURSE OF HIS LIFE.
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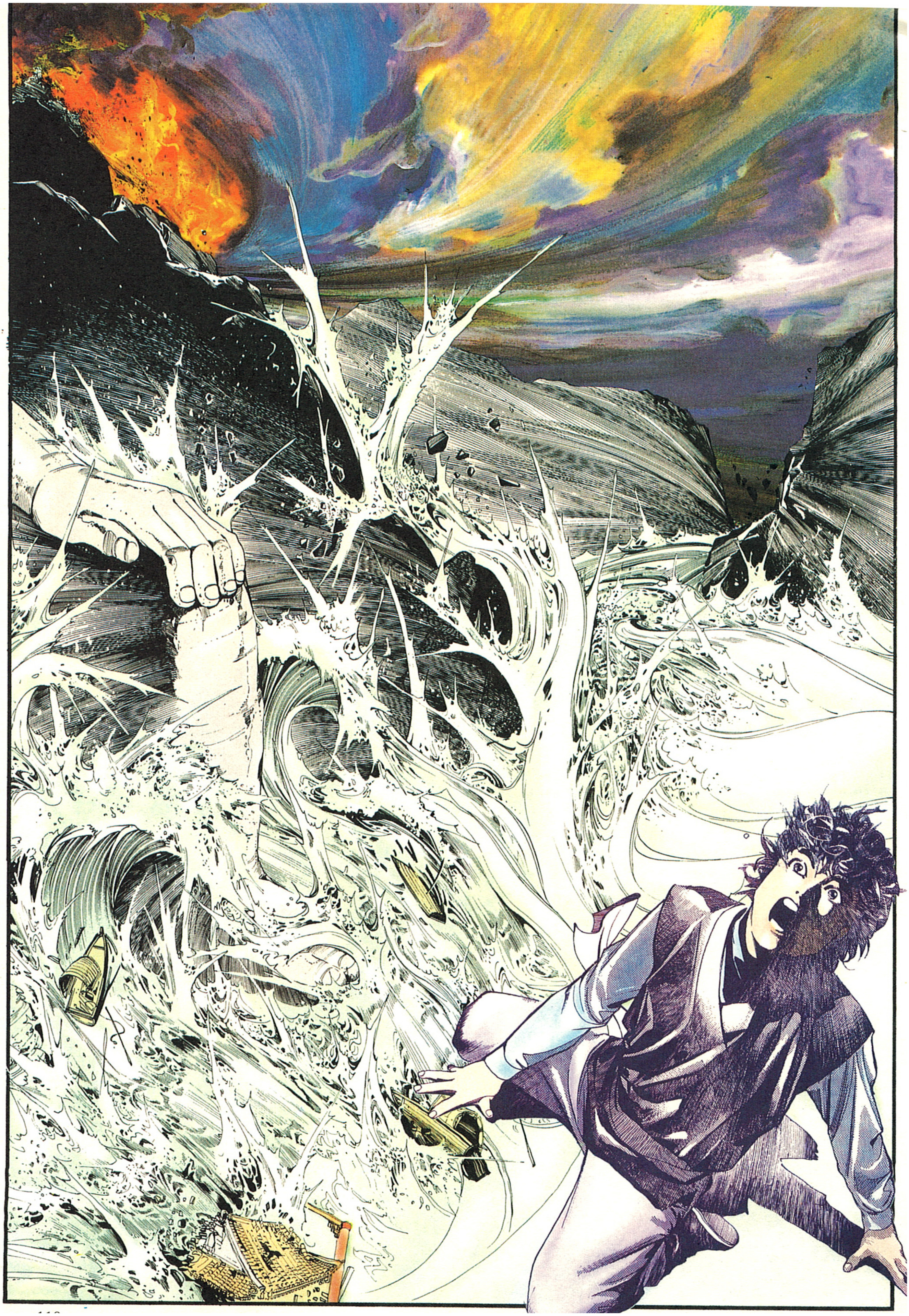
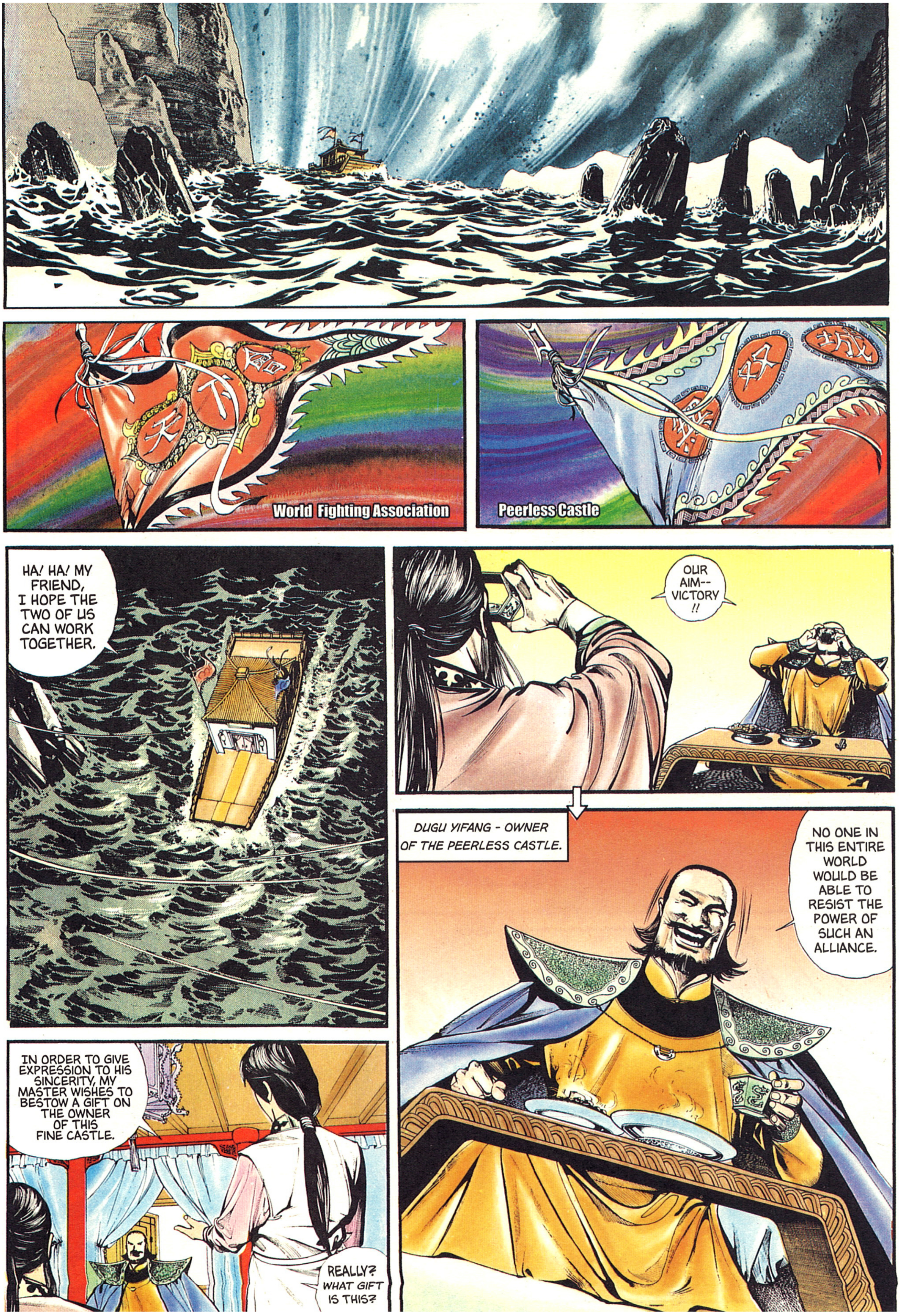
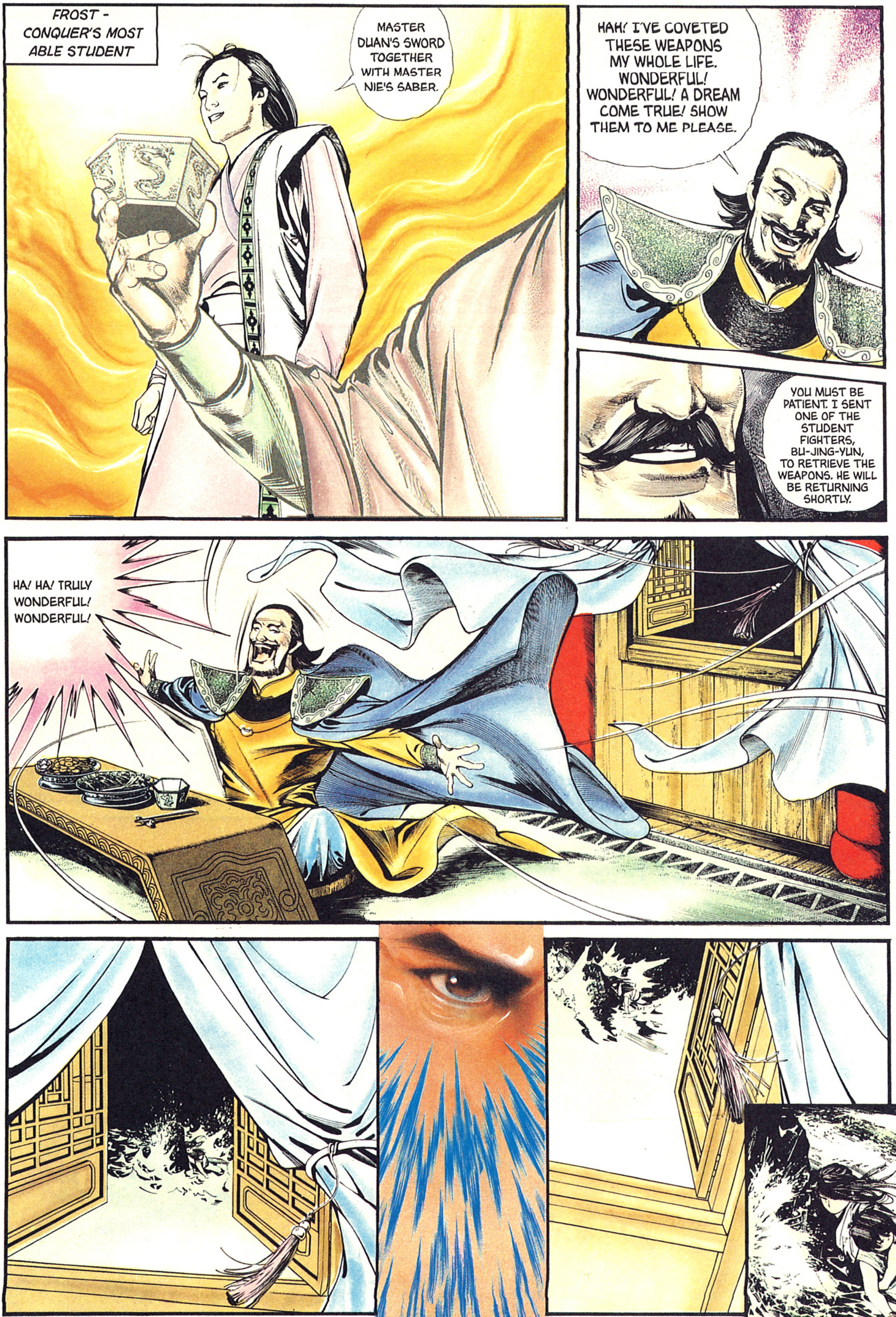
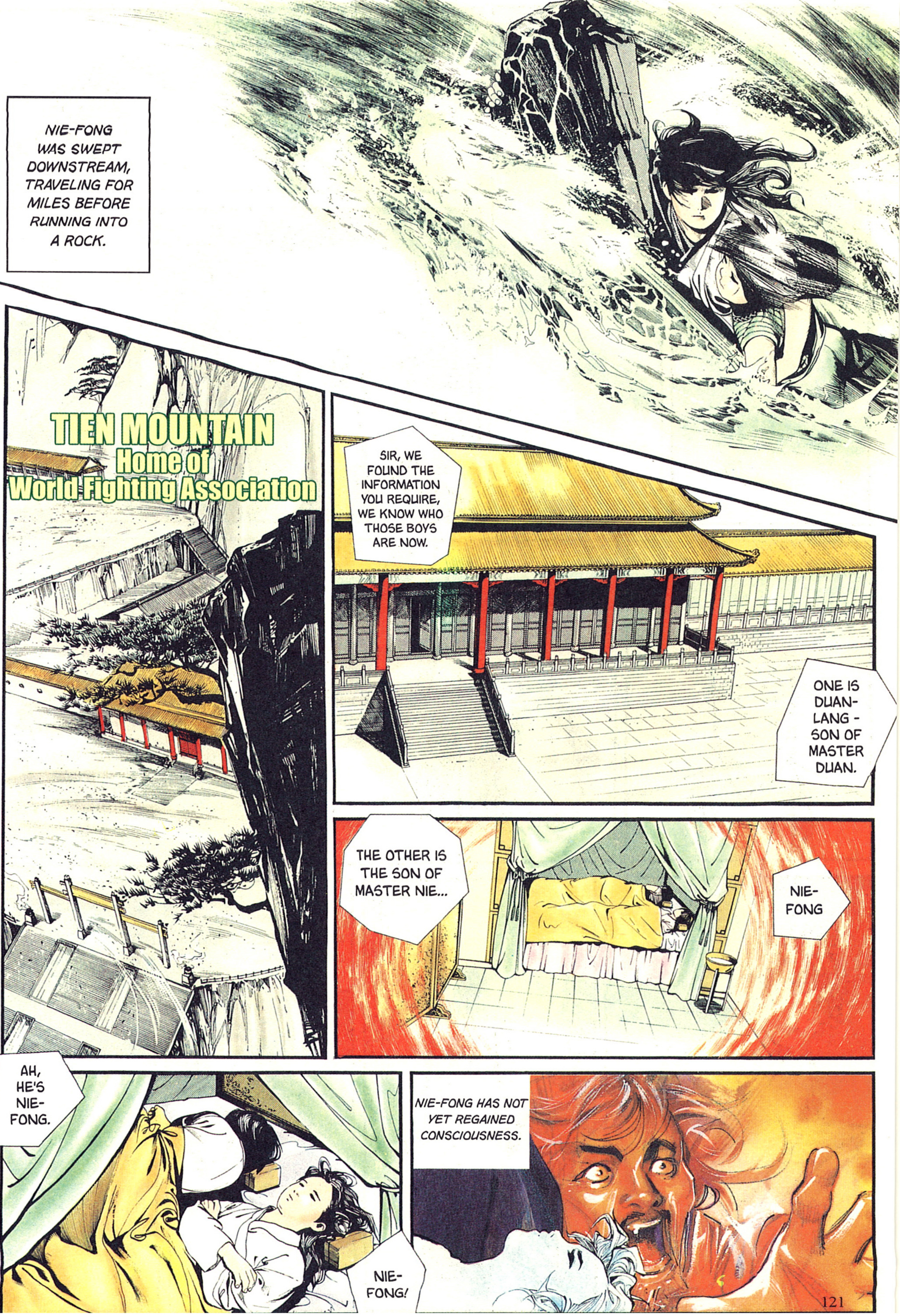
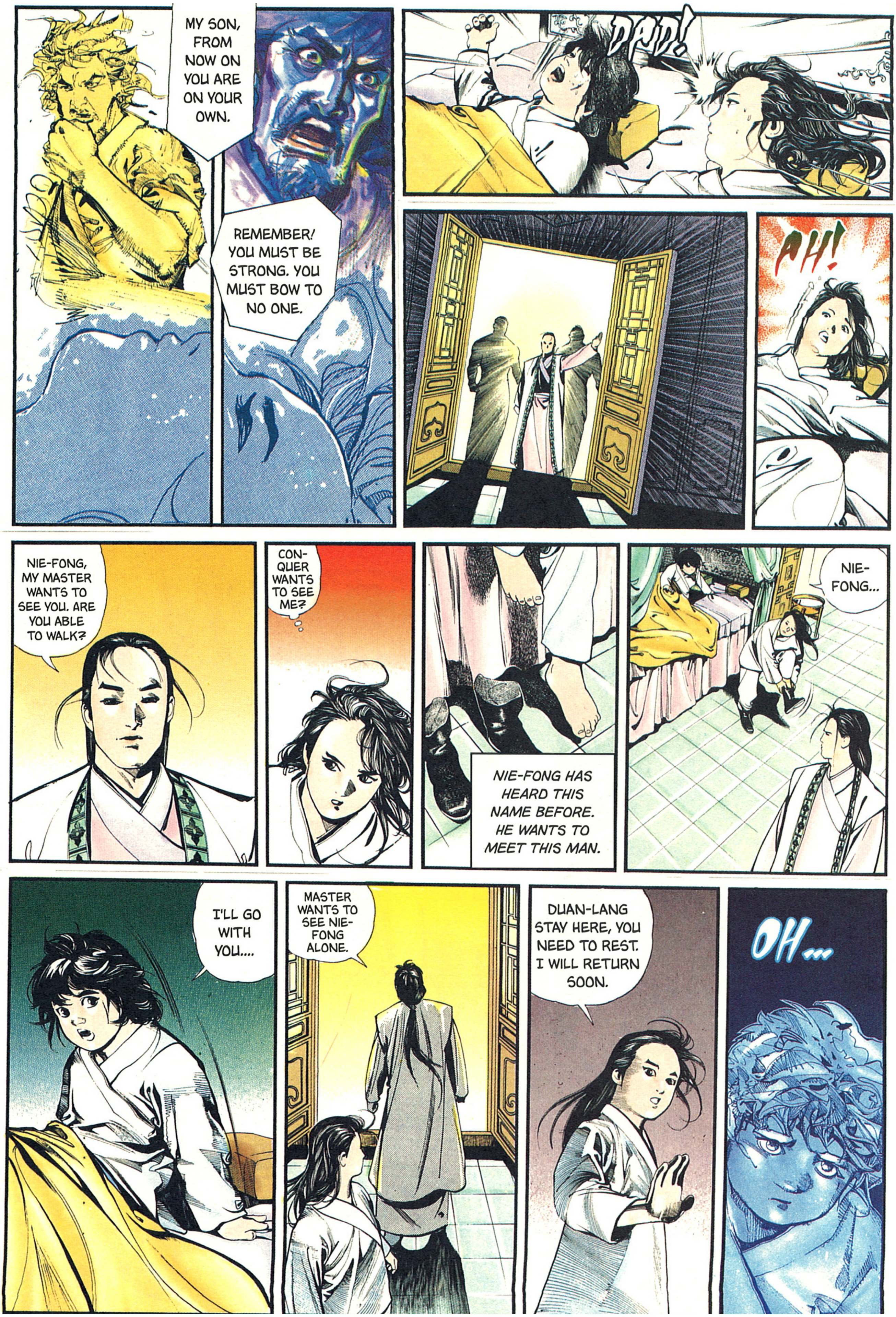
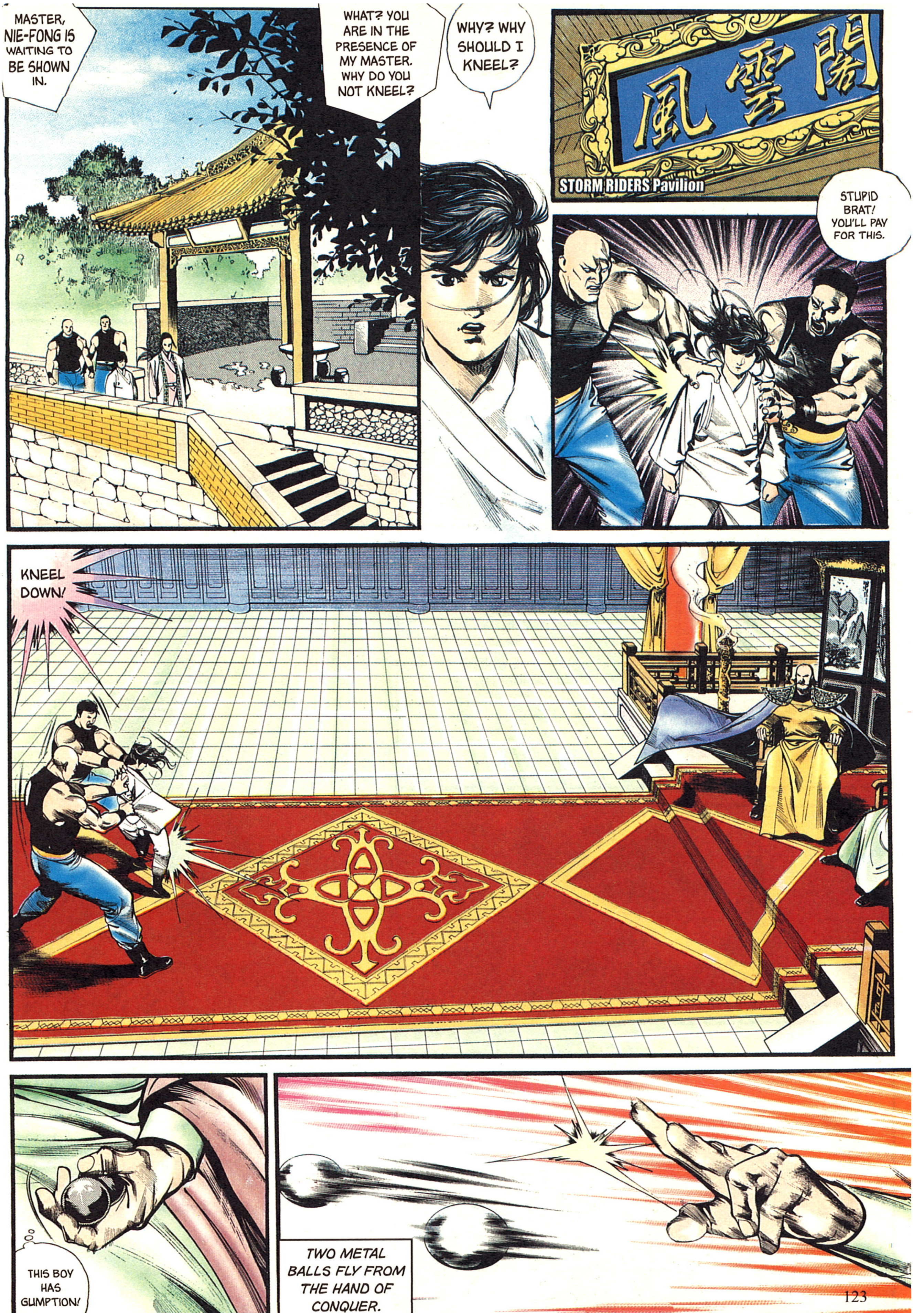


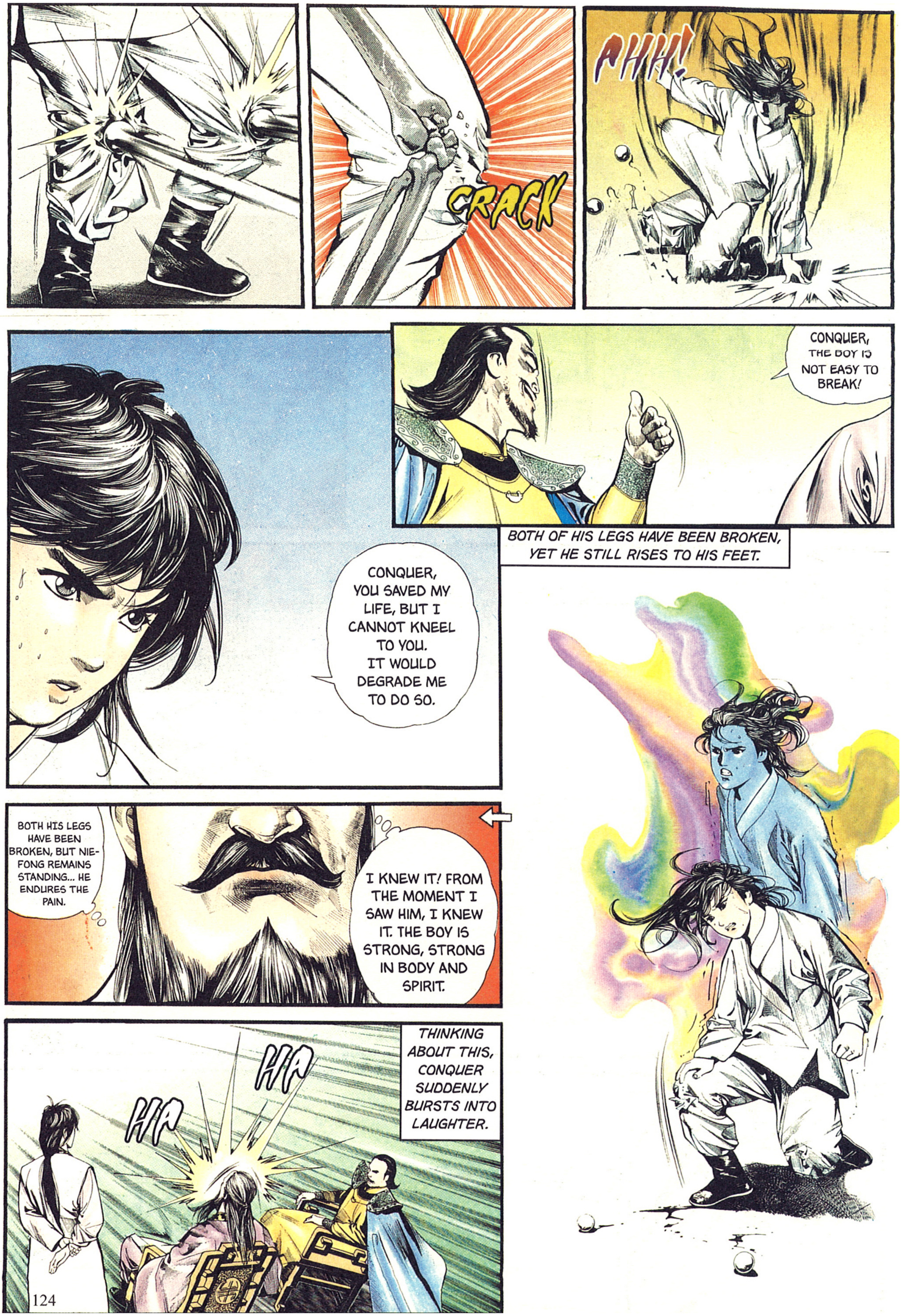

天下會
World Fighting Association
無雙城
Peerless Castle
HA! HA! MY FRIEND, I HOPE THE TWO OF US CAN WORK TOGETHER.
OUR AIM-- VICTORY !!
DUGU YIFANG - OWNER OF THE PEERLESS CASTLE.
NO ONE IN THIS ENTIRE WORLD WOULD BE ABLE TO RESIST THE POWER OF SUCH AN ALLIANCE.
IN ORDER TO GIVE EXPRESSION TO HIS SINCERITY, MY MASTER WISHES TO BESTOW A GIFT ON THE OWNER OF THIS FINE CASTLE.
REALLY? WHAT GIFT IS THIS?

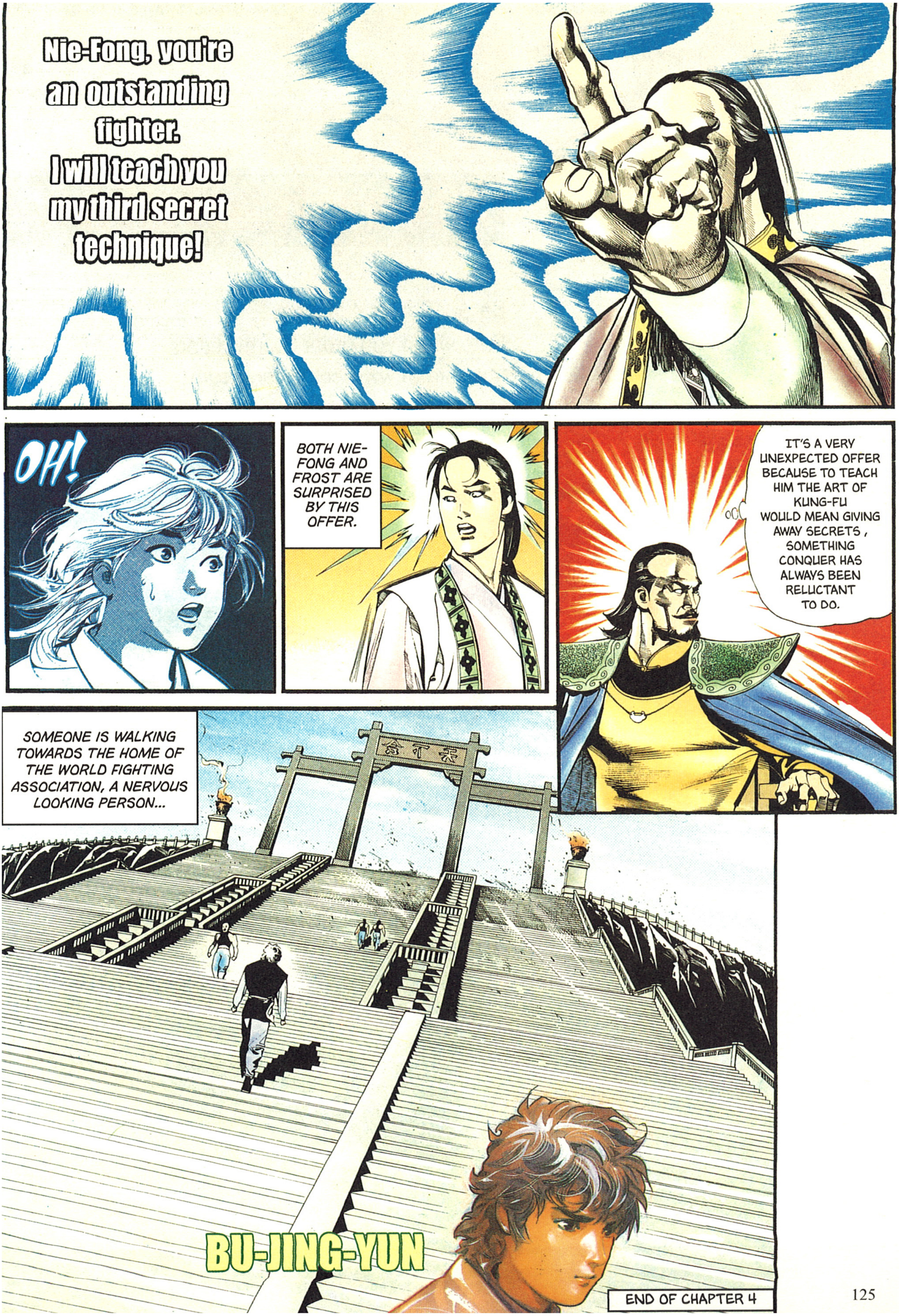

FROST - CONQUER'S MOST ABLE STUDENT
MASTER DUAN'S SWORD TOGETHER WITH MASTER NIE'S SABER.
HAH! I'VE COVETED THESE WEAPONS MY WHOLE LIFE. WONDERFUL! WONDERFUL! A DREAM COME TRUE! SHOW THEM TO ME PLEASE.
YOU MUST BE PATIENT. I SENT ONE OF THE STUDENT FIGHTERS, BU-JING-YUN, TO RETRIEVE THE WEAPONS. HE WILL BE RETURNING SHORTLY.
HA! HA! TRULY WONDERFUL! WONDERFUL!


NIE-FONG WAS SWEPT DOWNSTREAM, TRAVELING FOR MILES BEFORE RUNNING INTO A ROCK.
TIEN MOUNTAIN
Home of World Fighting Association
SIR, WE FOUND THE INFORMATION YOU REQUIRE, WE KNOW WHO THOSE BOYS ARE NOW.
ONE IS DUAN-LANG - SON OF MASTER DUAN.
THE OTHER IS THE SON OF MASTER NIE...
NIE-FONG
AH, HE'S NIE-FONG.
NIE-FONG!
NIE-FONG HAS NOT YET REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.


MY SON, FROM NOW ON YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN.
REMEMBER! YOU MUST BE STRONG. YOU MUST BOW TO NO ONE.
DAD!
AH!
NIE-FONG, MY MASTER WANTS TO SEE YOU. ARE YOU ABLE TO WALK?
CONQUER WANTS TO SEE ME?
NIE-FONG HAS HEARD THIS NAME BEFORE. HE WANTS TO MEET THIS MAN.
NIE-FONG...
I'LL GO WITH YOU....
MASTER WANTS TO SEE NIE-FONG ALONE.
DUAN-LANG STAY HERE, YOU NEED TO REST. I WILL RETURN SOON.
OH...


MASTER, NIE-FONG IS WAITING TO BE SHOWN IN.
WHAT? YOU ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF MY MASTER. WHY DO YOU NOT KNEEL?
WHY? WHY SHOULD I KNEEL?
閣雲風
STORM RIDERS Pavilion
STUPID BRAT! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS.
KNEEL DOWN!
THIS BOY HAS GUMPTION!
TWO METAL BALLS FLY FROM THE HAND OF CONQUER.


CRACK
AHH!
CONQUER, THE BOY IS NOT EASY TO BREAK!
BOTH OF HIS LEGS HAVE BEEN BROKEN, YET HE STILL RISES TO HIS FEET.
CONQUER, YOU SAVED MY LIFE, BUT I CANNOT KNEEL TO YOU. IT WOULD DEGRADE ME TO DO SO.
BOTH HIS LEGS HAVE BEEN BROKEN, BUT NIE-FONG REMAINS STANDING... HE ENDURES THE PAIN.
I KNEW IT! FROM THE MOMENT I SAW HIM, I KNEW IT. THE BOY IS STRONG, STRONG IN BODY AND SPIRIT.
THINKING ABOUT THIS, CONQUER SUDDENLY BURSTS INTO LAUGHTER.
HA
HA


Nie-Fong, you're an outstanding fighter. I will teach you my third secret technique!
OH!
BOTH NIE-FONG AND FROST ARE SURPRISED BY THIS OFFER.
IT'S A VERY UNEXPECTED OFFER BECAUSE TO TEACH HIM THE ART OF KUNG-FU WOULD MEAN GIVING AWAY SECRETS , SOMETHING CONQUER HAS ALWAYS BEEN RELUCTANT TO DO.
SOMEONE IS WALKING TOWARDS THE HOME OF THE WORLD FIGHTING ASSOCIATION, A NERVOUS LOOKING PERSON...
BU-JING-YUN
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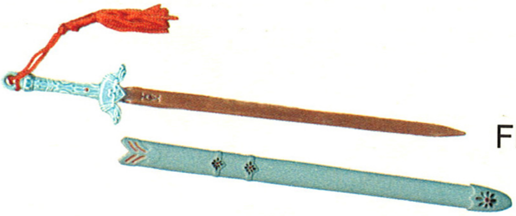

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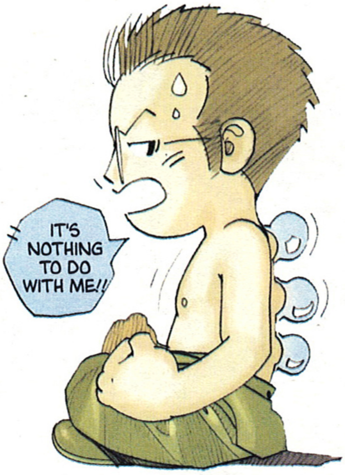
Author Notes

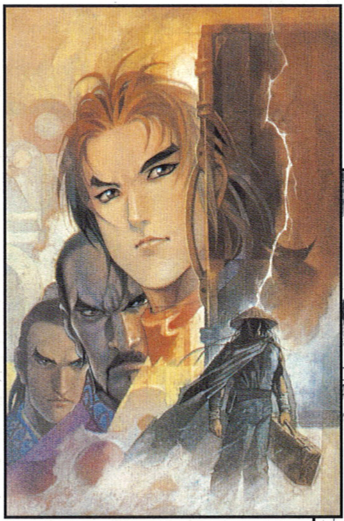
I stayed in Shanghai for 2 days right after the production of my last book. I was invited to the opening ceremony of the Shanghai Comic Exhibition, where a selection of my paintings was being exhibited. Shanghai has prospered rapidly in the last few years. A city with a brand new appearance, Shanghai is now highly regarded amongst both my friends and the news media. I have now witnessed Shanghai's prosperity. My sojourn was short, but I was profoundly affected by the artistic atmosphere of Shanghai. I learned a little bit about Shanghai and visited some publishing companies during my stay there. I also watched the production of a motion picture in Shanghai. Another highlight was the Shanghai style sauna. Needless to say, my trip was vivid and rewarding!


IT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!!

Fortunately, I managed to stay away from my busy office for two days. This time allowed me to exchange opinions with my colleagues and and enabled me to view my company's business from a fresh approach. Thus I was able to make some important decisions after returning to Hong Kong. Occasionally one needs to step away from the complicated daily routine, in order to take a new approach to reviewing the company's business structure and the existing procedures. This is one way in which we can benefit from travelling.

During this time my mother wasn't feeling well. She was hospitalized for more than a week. Although 70 years old, she was in good shape and had never been admitted to the hospital prior to this time. Her hospitalization was a shock to us. Now we have to take good care of her. She is now using a breathing-aid in her daily life, which is an inconvenience for a senior citizen like herself. We have to help ease her tension and spend more time with her. These days I too understand how she feels, since I am not feeling well either. Mother's situation has been like a warning to me. I've been coughing for quite a long time and am feeling sick at night. Looks like I'll need to see my doctor next week.

We sponsored a discussion meeting with readers at "Comics Cafe" in Quarry Bay last Saturday, for our new comic 'Heroes Shed No Tears,' and received positive and constructive views from our readers. As the producers, we knew the problems all too well. Nevertheless, the readers helped us to find out what really needed improvement. We earnestly hope that the meeting's discussions created some valuable advice and will help us make 'Heroes Shed No Tears' even better. All participants exchanged viewpoints frankly in this harmonious atmosphere. I'd like to see discussions being held for other comics such as 'Storm Riders,' 'Black Leopard' and 'Punishment from the Heavens.' Both producer and readers would greatly benefit from the discussions.



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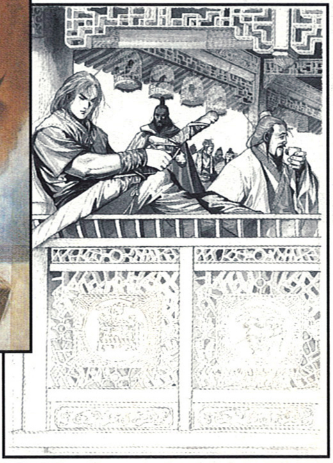

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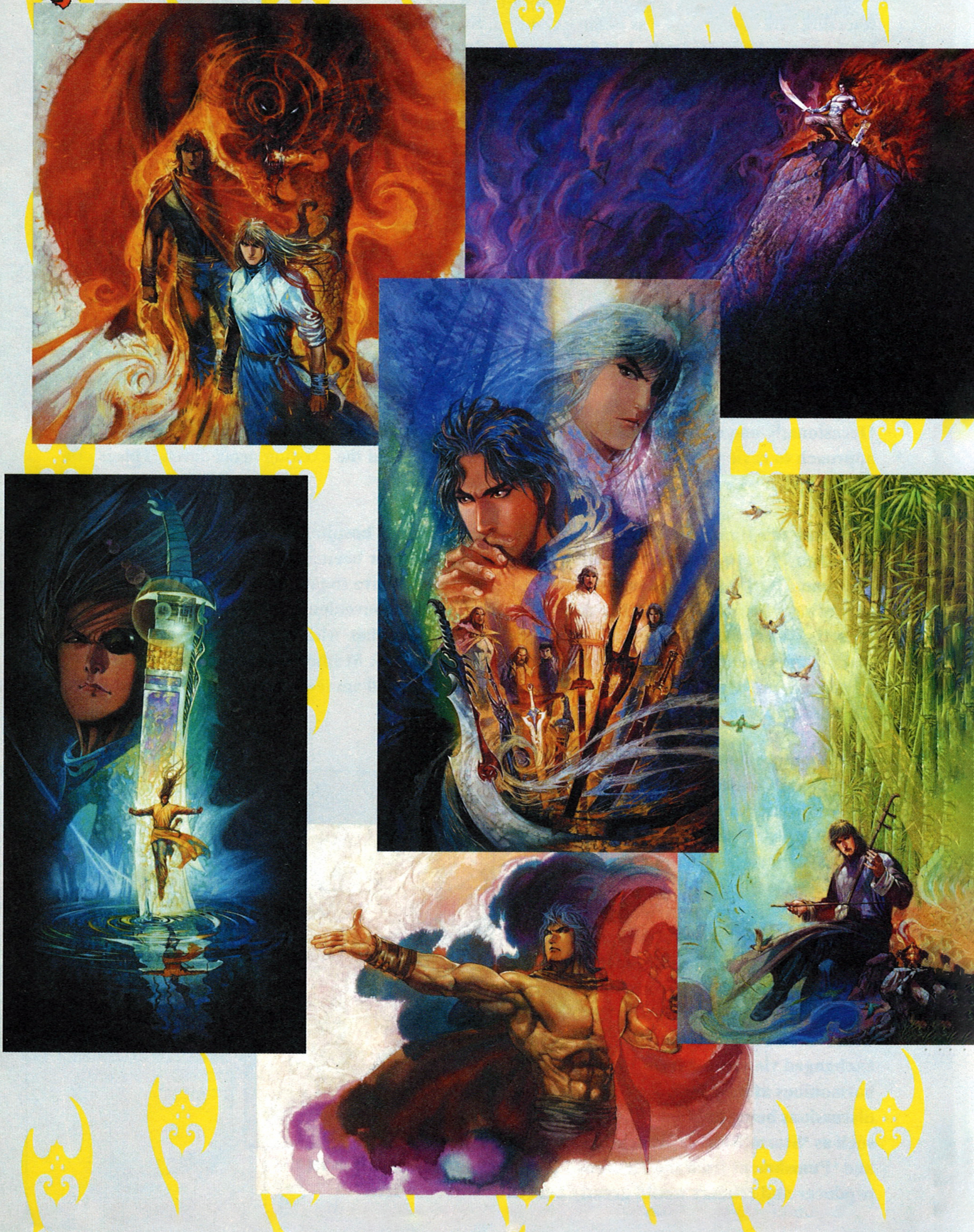

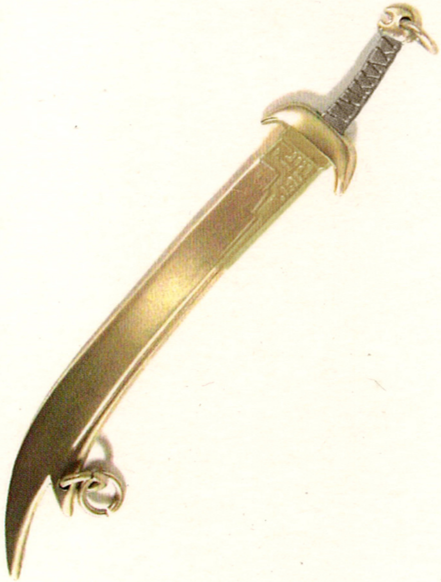

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